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NOTICE

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NOTICE

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ETUDE PAUL PREMET

Mr. Vladimir Ullstein hereby notifies the concerned that he has bought the "Victor Cantonese Restaurant" 1002 Avenue Joffre and that he is not responsible for the debts occurred before December 24, 1939.

By Order,
PAUL PREMET, *Attorney,*
160 Avenue Edward VII.

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A SURE WORD

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Of the increase of *His* government and of peace there shall be no end upon the throne of David, and upon His kingdom to establish it, and to uphold it with judgment and with righteousness from henceforth even FOR EVER. The zeal of the LORD OF HOSTS shall perform this."

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To-day's Events

DECEMBER

24 Rehabilitation Expos'n of Central China, Central Japanese Primary School, 9.30-5.30
24 Cathedral Carol Service, 5
24 Municipal Orchestra, 11th Symphony Concert, Lyceum Theatre, 5.15
24 'Hussar Love', Lt. Opera, Lyc., 8.45
24 *Christmas Eve*
24 *First British Minister to China appointed (1853)*

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Coming Events

DECEMBER

25 Rehabilitation Expos'n of Central China, Central Japanese Primary School, 9.30-5.30.
26 Rehabilitation Expos'n of Central China, Central Japanese Primary School, 9.30-5.30
27 Rehabilitation Expos'n of Central China, Central Japanese Primary School, 9.30-5.30
27 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
28 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
28 For. Y. Debate: 'Any Santa Claus?'
29 Limbless Fund, Sale, U.C. Hall, 9.30
29 Rover Ball at Masonic Hall, sponsored by 7th Shanghai Rovers, 8.30
30 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
30 'Venus in Silks,' L. Opera, Lyc., 8.45

JANUARY, 1940

3 A.D.C. 'Busman's Honeymoon', Lyc. 9.15
4 A.D.C. 'Busman's Honeymoon', Lyc. 9.15
4 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
5 A.D.C. 'Busman's Honeymoon', Lyc. 9.15
6 A.D.C. 'Busman's Honeymoon,' Lyc. 3
6 A.D.C. 'Busman's Honeymoon,' Lyc. 9.15
9 A.W.C.: Wm. Blackstone, baritone, 4.45
9 For. Y. Lecture: 'Chinese War Finances and Currency,' by Mr. E. Kann
9 'Mme. Butterfly,' opera, Lyceum, 9
10 K.D.S. mtg., 1292 Joffre, tea 4.30, bus. 5.15
10 'Mme. Butterfly,' opera, Lyceum, 9
11 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
12 Shanghai Camera Club, Meeting and Lecture, 330 Szechuen Road, 9
15 For. Y. Lecture, 'Elementary Photography,' by Mr. R. V. Dent, F.R.D.S., F.R.M.S.
16 A.W.C.: Miss Peterson on 'India,' 4.45
17 B. Zakharoff and V. Havsky in a Concert for Two Pianos, Lyc., 9.15
20 Grand Operatic Concert, Lisa Robitchek, Ernest Krasso, Lyceum, 9
23 A.W.C.: Dr. Gardiner on 'Diet,' 4.45
23 For. Y. Lecture: 'Trans-Ocean Air Communications,' by Mr. F. J. Sanger

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The "North-China Daily News" will be published as usual on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, but there will be no issue on Tuesday, December 26 and January 2.

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GREETINGS

The Season's best wishes to all my old friends and acquaintances in China. Would appreciate a card or letter. BEE BRYAN, 175 West 72nd St., New York City.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Correspondence for this column should be addressed to the Editor, North-China Daily News Office, 17 The Bund, Shanghai, and to ensure secrecy, marked "Letters to the Editor"

Friends of Finland:
Plea for Brave People

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Far to the North a brave and proud Nation is waging a tremendous struggle in defence of their homes, many of which are already in ruins, while millions of Christian homes throughout the world are making preparations to celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace. In the bitter cold of the Arctic winter women and children are facing a Christmas without even a roof over their heads while the hordes of a fiend are hurling themselves against the outpost of western civilization. But those lines are held by men whose faith has remained unshaken and who are cheerfully facing the supreme sacrifice in the firm belief that they will not be left to their fate by a world which for centuries has preached and fought for liberty and justice. These men and women are willing to die in order to preserve the sanctity of homes and to ensure that men shall not become slaves. For three long weeks they have held out against stupendous odds and they have made the Satan of Kremlin realize that there is something greater than monster tanks and superior numbers. Perhaps it is significant that the descendants of those who settled in the remote north less than a century before the birth of Christ should today be waging civilization's battle. No matter what the final outcome may be Finland has by her glorious example restored faith and confidence, particularly to the smaller nations, and made possible the ultimate victory for the Rights of Man. With the passing of every hour the debt which the world already owes to Finland becomes greater, and in the heart of every real man and woman an insistent urge is making itself felt to come to her assistance.

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The Finnish Legation is located in the Astrid Apartments, 301 Route Cardinal Mercier, and contributions will be acknowledged in the local Press.

K. A. PERSEN.

Shanghai, Dec. 23.

Australian Radio:
Interference With Italian

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—This "report" does not come from an "Ether or Air Traffic Service's Policeman" but from a private humble countryman of Guglielmo Marconi. Its meaning should not be interpreted as that of a "red light warning" but like one of those polite posters to the public which begins with the word "please." Its only aim is to bring to the knowledge of the interested broadcasting stations, namely that of the Australian Broadcasting Commission and the "Voice of Far East at Racecourse Road, Shanghai" that their broadcastings have taken from me and, I believe, from other local listeners, the pleasure of hearing the "Roma, EIAR daily radio programmes" broadcast on a wave-length of 25.40 metres, 11,840 Kc/s.

The "Marconi's ways" are not yet congested as the terrestrial's," for instance that of our city, or, politically, the so-called "Imperial Life Line," and I believe that the "crashes" in question could be avoided, specially with parties not at war, with a minimum consideration and attention.

P.F.

Shanghai, Dec. 22.

A Sage's Dictum:
The Good Will Prevail

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—A friend has called attention to a passage in the address on Abraham Lincoln by R. Waldo Emerson, the world-known New England sage. I read it over several times. It helps me to explain my own optimism in spite of what we are suffering in China and what is going on in Europe. If anyone has doubt about the cause of justice which the Chinese as well as the Anglo-Saxon people are defending, he may be urged to read the passage, which follows:

There is a serene providence which rules the fate of nations, which makes little account of time, little of one generation or race, makes no account of disasters, conquers alike by what is called defeat, thrusts aside enemy and destruction, crushes everything immoral or inhuman, and obtains the ultimate triumph of the best race by the sacrifice of everything that resists the moral laws of the world.

L.

Shanghai, Dec. 22.

Sunday Cinema:
Why Not Earlier Hour?

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I wonder if I might make a suggestion to our local cinema proprietors with regard to their Sunday evening performances!

After a fairly strenuous week-end, there must be many who do not relish the idea of being out till round about 11.30 on Sunday night, before resuming work on the morrow. This particularly applies to our very large sporting community.

Starting the last show at 8.30 p.m. instead of 9, as was done at the commencement of the present hostilities, would, I believe, be greatly appreciated and result in increased attendance. Maybe some of your readers will support this idea of mine.

EARLY TO BED.

Shanghai, Dec. 23.

Britain and China:
Expression of Sympathy

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—It is encouraging to note that the people of Britain have sent a good Christmas gift to the people of China. The news today that the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China has cabled to Shanghai a further contribution of £3,000 and also shipped this week large consignments of clothing, blankets and medical supplies is most stimulating. The fact that a sum of £5,000 has been contributed to this Fund since the outbreak of war in Europe is splendid testimony to the fact that the people in Britain wish to keep on helping those who suffer in China.

JOHN SCOTLAND.

Shanghai, Dec. 23.

Music Wanted:
Benelli's "Ninna-Nanna"

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Could any of your readers suggest where I might secure (borrow for a few days or purchase outright) Benelli's Ninna-Nanna (Berceuse Veniciana)? Is there not a single copy in Shanghai of the violin and piano parts? Thus far, music stores and advertising columns have failed to produce results. I would be grateful for an answer, either through the Editor or in these columns.

TU.

Shanghai, Dec. 23.

For the B.W.A.:
Grateful Thanks

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—A recipient of a Christmas Hamper from the B.W.A. Social Service Board wishes to thank the kind donors for the unspeakably lovely gifts. Words cannot express the extent of my gratefulness for the help I have received from them and for the hamper, which was quite unexpected.

I wish to convey to them my thankfulness and wish them all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Last, but not least, may I thank the two gentlemen who brought the hamper.

GRATEFUL

Shanghai, Dec. 23.

St. Joseph's Party:
A Reminder to Helpers

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—May I through the columns of your paper remind the old pupils and friends of St. Joseph's Convent of the children's Christmas party on Saturday, December 30. I hope all those who have supported the party in the past will help again this year. Contributions in kind or in cash will be very gratefully received, and may be sent direct to the Convent, 37 Rue Montauban. Rev. Mother Superior extends an invitation to the party to everyone interested in the work.

EDITH COLTER.

Shanghai, Dec. 23.

MARKET PRICES

The following prices effective, in the Western District on Dec. 21, are quoted in cents per lb. except when marked E each, D dozen, B bunch.

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Sirloin Roast	85	Artichokes	10
Rib. Roast	83	Bamboo Shoots	50
Rump Steak	85	,, Dried	60
Fillet	1.60	Beans French	50
Topside Steak	75	Haricot	25
Silverside	85	Kidney	25
Brisket	48	Lima	30
Shin	48	Sprouts	10
Stewing	65	White	25
Soup Meat	45	Soaked	25
Suet	1.50	Beetroot	15
MUTTON		Cabbage	20
Gigot	75	Salted	16
Saddle	75	Shantung	20
Loin Chops	78	Tientsin	20
Shoulder	65	Carrots	25
Flank	58	Cauliflower	E 1.90
Neck	58	Celery, Ch.	B 08
PORK		U.S.	3.00
Leg	53	Chilies	30
Loin	63	Cucumber	60
Loin Chop	63	Egg-plant	40
Shoulder	55	Endive	E 20
Lard	73	Garlic	40
		Ginger	20
VEAL		Green Pepper	40
Leg	1.20	Horseradish	40
Steak	1.35	Kale	15
Cutlets	1.10	Kohlrabi	B 10
Stewing	90	Leeks	B 08
Buffalo	53	Lettuce	E 20
Goat	70	Mint	30
		Mushrooms	2.20
PREPARED MEAT		Onions, Amer.	30
Bacon	1.00	small	30
Brisket	68	spr.	B 08
Silverside	68	Parsnips	25
Round	65	Potatoes	12
Ham	1.20	small	20
Chinese	1.05	Potatoes sweet	08
Salted Pork	64	Pumpkin	08
		Radish	B 03
FRESH FISH		Red Cabbage	E 1.00
Bream	45	Rhubarb	40
Black Head	33	Spinach	15
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		Snipe	E 28
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Terrible Poverty In Hangchow

Wintry Death Takes Heavy Toll; Appeal to Shanghai By Bishop Curtis

A large proportion of the people of Hangchow are impoverished and many are on the border-line of starvation, according to Bishop John Curtis, who has submitted the following account, written by a worker in the field, in the anticipation that the appeal will result in donations to relieve distress in this area—over the Christmas holidays and in the bleak weeks to come.

Those so inclined may send contributions to the Roman Catholic Mission (Bishop Deymier or Sister Bowlby), the Presbyterian Missions (the Rev. K. Van Evera or the Rev. C. Worth) or to the Baptist Mission (the Rev. E. Nasmith) or to the C.I.M. (Mr. Edwards).

As the days get colder Death takes a heavy toll: food, clothes, bedding—either none or insufficient. There is no power of resistence. Numbers of families get up late or go to bed early in order to exist on the least possible amount of food—one meal of "Something" in the middle of the day—that "something" may be a little thin rice, or it may be a little flour made into a paste with a little cabbage added, or potatoes, or if more fortunate they may have rice and vegetables.

Some still manage to have an evening meal too, but lately prices have soared so high that they have had to give up that. Many are now living on turnips and the mothers and children eat less, in order that the father or brother may have enough extra to have strength to work. This comes hardest on women who are feeding their babies and who also help their men folk pull loads of stones to earn a living.

Of the children round in most parts of the city and outside too, quite half have no breakfast now, which means they start the day cold and stupid, and in the case of the wee toddlers, crying. They get a bad cold, or what would ordinarily be a slight sickness, and having no reserve strength, are gone. Babies in arms come away from the maternity hospital looking well and strong. The mother goes back to almost or quite starvation. The tiny one suffers, sickens and just dies. Such things happen every day now.

A Little Helps Much

But there is another side. As far as possible help is given and numbers of lives are thus saved; a little rice for the mother until she can work again, perhaps a little wheat for the rest of the family to relieve her of the burden of anxiety of providing for them, some warm garments for the baby and mother, and there is every hope that the difficult time may be tided over. Money goes such a little way now in providing food.

We give a mid-day meal to about 200 children and a varying number of adults. Those who give the money to make this possible would feel more than repaid could they see the difference one hot meal, regularly, means to the little ones. When they first come they are so sad and listless and hungry—more like weary old men and women than children. In a very short time the thin pinched look goes; there is life and light in the eyes and it is a joy to see them pick up and become real children. In some cases one meal is not sufficient to save the child. But a few weeks as a boarder, with three meals a day, warm clothes and bedding and every care, works wonders, and the child is soon strong enough to go home and continues with the one meal.

Youngest in Rice Line

We are allowed to send for what is over from the hospital kitchen, vegetables and sometimes rice. Representatives from a number of poor families bring bowl or can and line up to wait. This means a little vegetable for the evening meal. Our youngest customer is a little one of four, (escorted by a boy from another family) who carries his family responsibility well and has never yet upset his can, which both his little hands grasp tightly.

They try various plans to stifle the panges of hunger. A rather sick man came, having had nothing to eat for three days. He sat and walked almost doubled up because in that way he did not feel so hungry. An old woman of 70 had three sons and was fairly well off. Two sons died just after the trouble began; the third was taken for coolie work, had eye trouble, no attention, became practically blind and was no longer wanted. He made his way back to his old mother and sometimes gets a little work carrying water—often for days there is no work he can do. The old woman had a garment that was once well padded. She took out part of the cotton wool and sold it for a little rice. This was repeated several times and gave them a little to eat but left her garment almost useless and herself suffering severely from the cold.

Then there are the poor sufferers who have lost home and all by fire. In several parts of the city and outside such fires have been started and always at night and the poor people find themselves out in the cold air with literally nothing but the clothes they were sleeping in. One cannot get enough to go round and so a whole family (seven, eight or even nine) have to do the best they can with one *mien-bi*—with very few clothes, and in many cases not only suffer from the cold but have the pain of severe burns as well. It is heart-breaking to see the suffering of there are younger men and women some of the little ones.

To realize something of the suffering of the people at this time one need only look over the group of 200 or so, men and women, young and old, who come twice a week to hear the Gospel. There are rickshawmen, with barely strength to pull, valiantly carrying on; there are the blind (and these have increased greatly of late); the cripples (some are men taken for coolie work and badly treated). There is an old woman of 70 who has to move with a stool. Her bandaged head tells its own story. She was injured entering the city gate, not quick enough in understanding the sentry. There are other women with dreadful bruises on leg or arm for the same reasons.

CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Trinity Cathedral.—Dec. 24.— 4th Sunday in Advent;—Holy Communion. (also in Bubbling Well Chapel) 8 a.m. Matins and Sermon 10.30 a.m. Psalm: 19. Lessons: Isaiah 32, 1-18; Luke 1, 26-45. Naylor in E flat. Antnem: "Comfort ye" and "The Glory" (Handel.) Hymns: 268, 53, 47. Preacher Rev. F. C. Matthews, M.A. (Matins at 10.30 a.m. will be broadcast from Cathedral over Station X.M.H.C., 700 kc., 394.6m.). Children Lantern Service. 10.30 a.m. Preacher: The Dean. Christmas Carol Service 5 p.m. Bubbling Well Chapel 6 p.m. Preacher: Dr. C. F. Mackae, D.D. Holy Communion 11.45 p.m. December 25.—Christmas Day.—Holy Communion (also in Bubbling Well Chapel) 7, 8 a.m. Matins and Sermon 10.30 a.m. Psalm: 86 Lessons: Isaiah 9, 2-7; Luke 2, 1-20. Standford in B flat. Antnem: "Hallelujah" (Handel) Hymns: 59, 61, 60. Preacher: The Dean. Holy Communion 11.30 a.m. December 26.—St. Stephen, Martyr.—Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. December 27.—St. John, Apostle and Evangelist.—Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. December 28.—Innocents' Day.—Holy Communion 7.30 a.m.

St. John's Pro-Cathedral, Jessfield.—Christmas Eve. Holy Communion in English at 7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in English at 10.30 a.m. Preacher: Rev. F. A. Cox, B.D. Evening Prayer in English at 6 o'clock. Preacher: Rev. F. A. Cox, B.D. Christmas Day. Holy Communion in English at 7.30 a.m.

Union Church (International and Interdenominational), 107 Soochow Road (near the British Consulate-General).—Officiating Minister: Rev. C. Winfred Allan.—10.45, Children's Morning Service in the Church Hall; 3, Western District Sunday School at 1 Great Western Road.—10.45 a.m., Special Service of Christmas Music; conducted by the Rev. C. W. Allan:
Hymn, "O come, all ye faithful"
Opening sentences and prayers
Scripture reading: Matthew ii.
Hymn, "The First Nowell"
Recit., "Comfort ye My People"
Air, "Every valley shall be exalted"
Mr. DAVID MCGAVIN
Carols:
(a) "Shepherds, shake off your drowsy sleep"
(b) "Good Christian men rejoice"
Scripture reading, Isaiah lii. 7-12
Recit., "Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened"
Air, "He shall feed His flock like a shepherd"
Mrs. H. WALTON
Air, "Come unto Him all ye that labour"
Mrs. O. G. R. BEYNON
Scripture reading, Luke ii.
Hymn, "It came upon the midnight clear"
Recit., Behold a virgin shall conceive" good tidings to Zion"
Air and Chorus, "O thou that tellest
Miss W. ALLAN and CHOIR
Carols:
(a) "What Child is this?"
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Hymn "Hark the Herald Angels sing"
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13.00: Devotional Service and Song
17.00: Classical and Popular Music
20.00: Sacred Concert
20.30: Gospel Service and Song
21.00: "N.C.D.N." News Broadcast
21.30: Russian Service (Tuesday)
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All are cordially invited to "Tune In."

Fourth Marines Church.—A choral group of thirty girls from the Grace Yang School For Girls, under the direction of Miss Myra Bancroft Olive will sing at the Christmas services to be held at the Grand Theatre, Sunday, December 24, at 10 o'clock. They sing as their first number, "Hymn Of The Nativity," by Stewart. Following the Lesson from the Scriptures, the choral group sing a series of well-known selections, "The King Lays Down His Robe and Crown" and "Heaven is now with Gladness Ringing," both by Wareing. In conducting the morning worship, Chaplain R. R. Marken will deliver a Christmas message in keeping with the spirit of this occasion. Following the Sermon, a number of Christmas Carols will be sung. In participation of this annual event, the Regimental Band, plays as their first number, "Beneath the Holly" (A Selection of Christmas Songs) by Brockton, and "The Holy City" by Adams.

Saint Joseph's Church (Rue Montauban) Tel. 85353 Sunday: Masses at 5.15, 6, 7, 8.15 and 10.30 a.m. Benediction at 4 p.m. Weekdays: Masses at 6 and 7.30 a.m.
On Christmas day, the Masses will be celebrated at St. Joseph's Church at 5.15, 6, 7, 8 a.m. (no sermon). At 10.30 Solemn High Mass.

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First Church of Christ, Scientist, Shanghai 1647 Avenue Road.—Sunday Service 11 a.m. Sunday Service in German 9.20 a.m. Subject: "Christian Science." Sunday School 9.45 a.m. Testimonial Meeting, Wednesday, 6 p.m. Reading Room at the Church open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. Wednesday from 10.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Society of Friends (Quakers)—A Meeting for Worship to which all are welcome will be held at 6 p.m. in Room D at the Foreign Y.M.C.A., 150 Bubbling Well Road.

Community Church.—Dr. John Lyon Caughey will preach in Community Church. Sunday morning at 11 o'clock on the theme, "Four Great Words of Christmas." Mr. R. V. Dent will be at the Organ. The choir, augmented by members of the Shanghai Glee Club, will sing "Calm on the List'ning Ear of Night" by Parker and "God Omnipotent Reigneth" by Wood. Myra Bancroft Olive will sing "Christ Today Rejoices Men" by Pasker. At 5 p.m. the Church School will present a Christmas pageant, "And When Ye Have Found Him." At 6 p.m. the Navy "Y" Secretaries and their Wives will be "At Home" to Service Men. Chaplain R. R. Marken will speak.

Bethesda Gospel Hall (International.)—729 Yu Yuen Road, Shanghai. Gospel Services are held in: German: on Sundays at 5 to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays Bible Class for Ladies at 4-5 p.m. English: on Tuesdays Prayer Meeting at 5.20-6.30 p.m. Chinese: on Sundays Breaking of Bread Meeting at 10-11.30 p.m. on Sundays Gospel Meeting at 2.30-4 p.m. on Thursdays Prayer Meeting at 5.30-7 p.m. on Fridays Bible Class at 5.30-7 p.m.

Endeavourers Church. Morning (Christmas) service will be held at The Hut, 491 Yu Yuen Road at 10 a.m. The speaker will be Dr. Lee S. Huizenga. Mid-week prayer meeting will be held on Wednesday at 5.30 p.m. in Room 305, Mission Building, 169 Yuen Ming Yuen Road.

Shanghai Free Christian Church.—(Evangelical) 631 Hart Road.—The Services on Sunday will be conducted as follows:—Morning at 11 o'clock by Mr. F. E. Keeble. Special Christmas Service. Sunday School at 3 p.m. Young Ladies' Bible Class at 4.45 p.m. Evening at 6 by Rev. R. C. Hill. Services during the week:—Monday at 8 p.m. Young People's Meeting. Thursday afternoon at 5.45 Prayer Meeting. Thursday evening at 7.45 Mens' Bible Class.

"The Hut."—491 Yu Yuen Road. Sunday School at 3 p.m. Evening Service at 6 o'clock. Preacher, Mr. K. Faulkner.

Twenty Killed as Paris Bridge Collapses

Heavy Barge Undermines Piers in Accident

Paris, Dec. 22.

Twenty Parisians were killed today when the Pont St. Louis (bridge) spanning the Seine between Ile St. Louis and Quai des Fleurs, was struck by a heavy barge and collapsed.

A motorcar crossing the bridge at the time was hurled into the Seine. Some 30 people in all also were thrown into the cold waters, but heroic rescuers, regardless of danger, plunged in to save eight of them and the rest managed to scramble ashore themselves.

It was reported earlier that the collapse was caused by the explosion of a gas main.—Havas.

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS," OF DECEMBER 24, 1869

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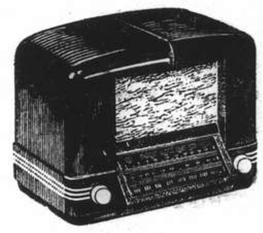
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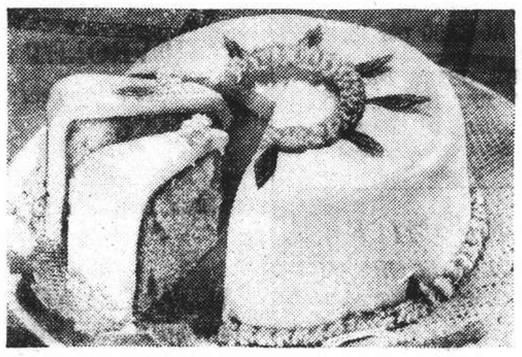
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Britain Ready for Wartime Christmas

Traditional Prodigality Of Food Eliminated But Gifts for Men in France

By Constance Waller

This looks like being the most memorable Christmas Britain, as a nation, has ever known. It is going to be so intensely dear to us. At the beginning of September we were saying to ourselves, "Here is the end of our world as we have known it. No more fun, no more luxuries, nothing but hardship, suffering and endurance." Now, months later, we are planning our English Christmas, but it will not be the self-indulgent festival of our days of peace.

There won't be the prodigality of food that is traditional. The pork pie which the North uses to eke out its turkey and its joint of roast beef will be ordinary size instead of mammoth. The Christmas cake will not be so rich (and will be all the better for that). But we hope there will be mince pies, Christmas pudding, cake, turkey, almonds-and-raisins, figs, nuts and oranges and the same old array of Christmas cards on the mantelpiece that show how many friends we've got.

Christmas cards, the manufacturers say, are going to be simpler this year. We had been getting very "arty," sending ships in full sail, Old Masters, impressionism and suchlike unhomely works of art to convey our greetings. This year we go back to the old English robins and holly, church steeples in the snow and regimental crests. We have suddenly become conscious of England.

En Famille Celebration

In recent years young folk have been rebelling against the family Christmas. They slipped off, in twos or in gangs, to seaside and country hotels offering endless dancing and revelry. But not this year. Aunt Emily, who was such a bore, with her eternal knitting and her sniffs at crimson finger nails and dance bands, has become something rather personal and precious. This year we are going to gather *en famille*.

Most families are arranging to pool. Instead of the Jones family going over to the Browns (Mrs. Brown is Mrs. Jones's sister) on Christmas Day and the Browns going over to the Joneses on Boxing Day the two families will stay at the larger of the two houses for the whole holiday. The visitors will bring their share of the food and, maybe, their ration books, and will share the washing-up and tidying up.

Besides the Christmas presents, they will bring blankets, pillowslips, hot water bottles and their gas masks. There will be no packing into cars after the party, with roistering goodbyes.

Guests to Remain Overnight

Nobody wants to go home in the blackout. All guests will have to stay the night. Lumber rooms are being raked over for camp beds, spare mattresses and sleeping relics of Boy Scout and camping days.

If reality doesn't come along first, many people are arranging to "house-warm" the garages and cellars they have converted into air-raid shelters on Christmas Eve and to put a couple of guests up for the night in them.

In spite of the proposed rationing of butter and a shortage in some areas of currants and raisins and sultanas—our ships must carry more important things—nobody believes that we shall go short of Christmas fare.

Women who could afford to make Christmas puddings and cakes and mincemeat after they had paid for their blackout blinds and curtains made them in October. The others are waiting for the extra supplies that they are sure will be released a week or two before Christmas.

Leave From the Front

Gayest of all homes will be those where there is a man home from France. There are bound to be many unlucky exceptions but the War Office intends to give Christmas leave to every soldier in France who was not allowed embarkation leave.

In their homes Christmas will last a week. Friends who will be having their own parties during the Christmas holiday have been told, "You must drop in while Ted's at home." At the end of it Ted will be glad to get back to the Army for a night's sleep.

But let nobody imagine that the War Office is thinking exclusively in terms of Christmas leave. "Britain-in-France" will not be denuded of a single man who should be at his post on French soil. And any German general who thinks in terms of striking because of the British Army Christmas leave had better think again. Otherwise he might get an unpleasant surprise.

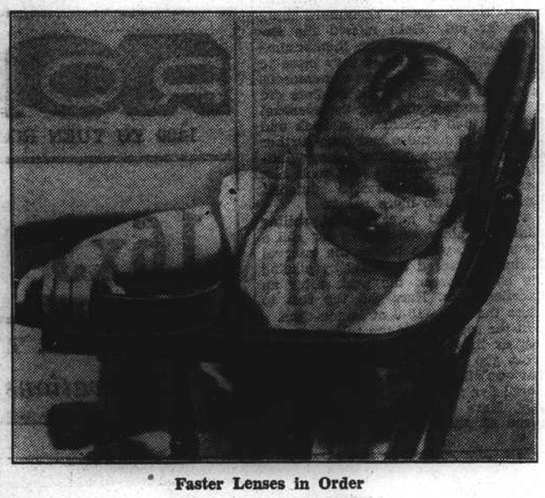
Christmas always has been the children's time. This year the children will be given the time of their lives for many of them are safely away from the danger areas. They will be fussed over and spoilt and given all their favourite things to eat to make up for the absence of Mummy or Daddy. Childrens' parties are being organized in the "reception" areas. Committees have been formed and they are arranging to hire halls and raise money locally for parties and Christmas trees.

Emotional Christmas

And will the men who were left behind to carry on with their work and look after themselves as best they could be pleased when Christmas comes and their wives can join them? What an emotional Christmas it is going to be. Husbands and wives united, many children joined by mother or father, and a few—but such a precious and important few—sons and husbands, brothers and sweethearts, coming back home from the Western Front. And there is still one celebration in which everybody is ready to join—the sending of parcels of Christmas gifts to the men in France.

Schools, clubs, offices, every little community of people is making its collection of "comforts"—the charming official name for them—to send to France. Every family that has a man out there is planning and saving to send cigarettes, cakes, woollies and all the other things men want.

And what will be the peak of the whole Christmas season? The King's broadcast. Every man and woman who is within reach of a radio will listen to that message linking Britain and Britain-in-France with France and away to the high seas, the Dominions and the Colonies in the Allied family's "Merry Christmas and God be with you."



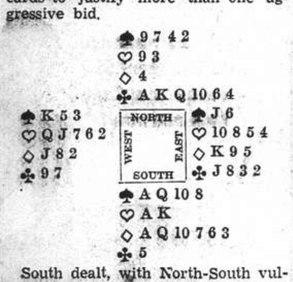
Faster Lenses in Order

CONTRACT

By Albert H. Morehead

(In the New York "Times")

Still the most prevalent error among all but a handful of the leading players is the use of the same cards to justify more than one aggressive bid.



South dealt, with North-South vulnerable. The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2 Diamonds	Pass	3 Clubs	Pass
3 Spades	Pass	6 Spades	Pass
7 Spades	Pass	Pass	Pass

South's hand was not quite strong enough for a forcing two-bid, for it gave no assurance of making game without support from partner. Having bid two, however, South had shown at least the full strength of his hand and should have contented himself with minimum bids thereafter designed only to make sure a game contract was reached. When North bid six spades, which should have been makeable if South had a sufficient two-bid, South should have passed, since he had no further values to show.

Kaplan Psychic

The team of Fred Kaplan, Phil Abramson, Harry Fishbein and Morris Elis led the qualifying rounds of a team of four which were played on a board-a-match basis. Board-a-match scoring serves as insurance for the spectacular bidding tactics of the inimitable Mr. Kaplan in that, if a psychic boomerangs, regardless of the swing in cumulative points, the most that can be lost on a single board is one match point. A Kaplan psychic was highly successful in the following deal:

With East-West vulnerable and West the dealer, the bidding was:

West	North	East	South
1 Diam'd	1 Heart	2 Hearts	2 Spades
3 Diam'ds	Pass	3 Spades	Pass
4 Diam'ds	Pass	5 Clubs	Pass
5 Diam'ds	Pass	6 Diam'ds	6 Hearts
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

East's two-heart bid was a cue-bid and South's spade bid was, of course, intended to keep the opponents out of their best suit. Later when East bid spades West could not be sure this was not either a cue-bid or a four-card suit. South's success was aided by the fact that West did not have any too strong an opening bid, but he risked losing its fruits when he bid six hearts. At the other table Mr. Kaplan's team-mates bid six spades and made seven; so the board was won if the six-diamond bid was permitted to stand. But (like the man who started a rumour that got so strong when it came back to him he believed it), having succeeded in keeping the opponents out of six spades, Mr. Kaplan did not know but that perhaps they could not make it. He also feared that a save even at seven hearts mighgt be better than letting the opponents make six diamonds, as indeed it would have been.

Aid from Opponents' Bidding

Sometimes opposing bidding helps a partnership to reach its best contract, and sometimes it hinders. Which it does more often is a moot point. For this reason some experts believe in getting into the bidding whenever possible, while others think it bad policy to make overcalls on borderline hands. The following deal from a friendly team-of-four match illustrates one case in which a game depended up how the opponents bid.

With West dealer and both sides vulnerable, the first time the hand was played the bidding was:

West	North	East	South
1 Spade	Pass	2 Spades	3 Hearts
Pass	4 Hearts	Pass	Pass
Pass			

South, though vulnerable, bid boldly because he felt sure that if both opponents had spades North must be short of spades and could trump his small ones. North promptly raised, knowing his distributional support would be important if South was strong enough for a vulnerable bid of three.

At the other table East responded to the opening spade bid with two clubs; South bid only two hearts, and every one passed, North feeling that game was unlikely when South merely overcalled.

By proper handling South made eleven tricks, ruffing three of dummy's clubs and throwing one of his spades on the club which was thus established in dummy.

Snapshot Guild

Everyone, of course, knows that the lens of a fine camera is "faster" than the lens of an inexpensive model. But the question sometimes arises: Just how much faster....and what is the main value of this extra speed?

Such a question is timely now—for we are at the season of shorter days and duller weather, when a fast lens is most desirable....and absolutely necessary for some shots!

Here, then, are the major advantages of a fast lens. First, it helps insure clear, fully-exposed snapshots when light is poor—on dull days, cloudy-bright days, in the rain or snow. Second, in conjunction with a fast shutter, it enables you to get sharp, properly-exposed action shots. Third, it enables you to take snapshots at night with less light—sometimes just by ordinary home lighting.

Those advantages simply mean that, when you have a fast lens, you're better equipped to cope with any picture opportunity—whether conditions are good or bad. In winter or summer, day or night, fast lenses "get the picture"——often in situations where slower lenses would mean failure.

How fast is a "fast lens?" That can be answered only by comparisons. For example, an f/7.7 anastigmat lens is four times as fast as the meniscus lens of an inexpensive box camera. An f/6.3 lens is six times as fast as the box-camera lens; an f/4.5 eleven times as fast, and an f/3.5, eighteen times as fast. Anl a fine f/2 lens, such as on certain de-luxe miniature cameras, is fifty-six times as speedy as the box camera lens!

In practical terms, this means that the f/7.7 lens will get good snapshots on days when box-camera snaps would be seriously underexposed. It means that with the f/6.3 you're equipped for snapshots on dull days; with the f/4.5 or f/3.5, action shots under adverse conditions; with the f/2, almost anything, day or night.

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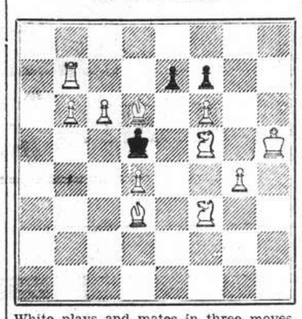
PROBLEM No. 192

By R. C. Lyness



White plays and mates in three moves.

Answer to Problem No. 191

White: K on KR7; Q on KB5; R on KR3; B on Q2; Kt's on QR3, Q3; P on QB4. Black: K on Q5; Q on QR4; R on QKt3; B on KB3; Kt on QR7; P's on QR3, QB2, Q4, KKt4, KR4. Two moves. Key Kt — B5. Threat 2. Q × QP. Variations: 1. P — B3, 2. Kt — K6; 1. Kt — Kt4 or R — Q3, 2. Kt — Kt3; 1. Kt — B6, 2. B — K3; 1. P × P, 2. Kt — B2; 1. Q × KKt, 2. R — Q3; 1. B — K4, 2. Q — KB2. An excellent blend of self-interferences and self-blocks, with a fine key.

The following submitted correct solutions to Prob. No. 191:—E. G. Blake.

Two Queer Endings

White is Dulanto (Peru): K on KKt1; Q on KR3; R on K1; Kt on K3; P's on QR2, QKt3, QB3, Q4, KKt3, KR2. Black is Alexander (England): K on KR1; Q on KKt3; R on KB1; B on Q4; P's on QR3, QKt4, KB4, 6, KR2.

White	Black
1.	P — B5!
2. Kt × B	P × P
3. R — QB1 (a)	P — B7ch
4. K — R1 (b)	Q — K5ch
5. Resigns (c)	

(a) A mistake. R — KB1 leads to a probable draw after P × Pch (the best try), 4. K × P (not K — R1, Q — Kt7ch, 5. Q × Q, P × Qch, 6. K × KtP, R × R and wins) Q — Q3ch, 5. Q — K13, Q × Kt, 6. Q — K5ch, etc. (b) K — Kt2, also Q — K5ch, (c) Q — Kt2 P = Qch and mates next move.

White is Milner-Barry (England): K on QR3; Q on QB5; P's on QR2, QKt3. Black is Regedzinsky (Poland): K on QKt2; R's on QKt5, K2; Kt on QB3; P on QR4.

White	Black
1. Q — KKt5	R — K7 (b)
	(a) K — Kt3
2. Q — Kt7ch	
3. Q — QR7ch	K × Q (c)
Draw by	stalemate.

(a) A try on which came off. (b) P — R5 would allow 2. Q × Rch, also a draw; but by something like QR — K5 Black should win. (c) If K — Kt4, then Q × Pch and Black must capture.—"Observer."

Japanese to Modernize Armaments

Tokyo, Dec. 22.

The Supreme War Council met here today for half an hour in the presence of Emperor Hirohito. It decided that it was necessary to carry out a revised armament programme to cope with the ever-changing international situation.

Plans in connection with this decison were also approved. As a result, the Japanese army's armaments will be completely modernized both in quality and quantity, commencing from 1940. —Reuter.

Peace Impossible With Hitler

Lebensraum Really Claim To Territories of Neutral Neighbouring Countries

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

When the Nazis first came into power the world was more shocked by their treatment of their political opponents than by their ultimate aims. Jews were robbed indiscriminately and socialists were thrown into concentration camps where they were beaten and brutally ill-used. But it was widely hoped that such outbreaks of violence would grow less, that the movement would wear itself out and that reasonableness would grow with responsibility.

This hope led many moderate men in Germany to work with the Nazis in the hope of guiding them into paths of justice and humanity. The collaboration of such men prevented, or perhaps it may be truer to say postponed, civil war.

Meanwhile Germuany's neighbours yielded one point after another. They condoned German re-armament, the default on loans, the military re-occupation of the Rhineland and its fortification, they negotiated naval pacts. By such means they postponed a clash with Germany until she was re-armed, had built up a large air force and was ready for war.

During these years of furious re-armament in Germany, the belief was widely held among her neighbours that if the injustices of Versailles were rectified and Germany's economic difficulties in obtaining raw materials were solved, German ambitions could be satisfied and she would no longer need to expand.

Complete Mistake

According to an article in Foreign Affairs by Herman Rauschnigg, once the President of the Danzig Senate and a former Nazi leader, such ideas were a complete mistake: they exaggerated the importance of Germany's economic difficulties and altogether overlooked the irrational urges of the Nazi spirit. Germany did not wish to be self-sufficient for the sake of trade but for military reasons.

The Nazis claim to full sovereignty as a world people and to Lebensraum was really a claim to the territories of their neighbours. Lebensraum does not mean more room for peaceable colonists to live. Its area expands as the requirements of modern warfare increase.

Rauschnigg explains:—

"What would have been adequate in the year 1880 to make Germany self-sufficient and sovereign had become wholly inadequate by the end of the World War. To become truly sovereign under post-war conditions Germany must now expand the domain under her control eastward as far as the Caucasus, and including the Ukraine, and westward as far as the open the sea.

She must have the oil of the Caucasus and Roumania, the minerals of the Ukraine, and the grain of Hungary and Rumania; also she must have the steel of northern France, control of the shore line of Holland, Belgium and northern France, and the colonial domains at present belonging to those countries. Such are the ideas of National Socialism."

Compromise with them is impossible. The Germans believe Britain is only a great power on paper and that the British Empire is falling to bits. France, they assert, is a dying nation and the United States not a nation at all.

But Hitler believes that by playing on the fears of indiscriminate carnage and by appealing to the love of peace of his opponents he can undermine their will.

He believes that a nation which has given way once can always be threatened into giving way again. This was the method used to disintegrate Czechoslovakia.

This is the method he is now trying on us. He wants to make peace so as to give us time to abdicate, and to undermine the faith of the Dominions in our leadership. A truce now would allow the Nazis to dominate the world without fighting for it. Against Hitler we must win complete victory or capitulate entirely. Compromise on either side is impossible.

From a Clubman's Chair

Prof. Haldane Among Mice; "All Prime Ministers Have Gout"; Demand for More Serious Plays

By Charles Martin

All through the Spanish Civil war, scientists carried on with research work in Madrid. Something of the same spirit must inspire Prof. J. B. S. Haldane, the only professor at University College, London, who has not been evacuated. Academic authority has tried to move him to a "safe" retreat in the country; but the distinguished scientist refuses to budge.

When light and heat were cut off from his laboratory he took up quarters in a room occupied chiefly by mice, rats and flies. The livestock is safely locked away in cages or bottles, but there is no overlooking its presence, even when it is not visible. These are the animals and insects used in experiments.

Over 1,000 rare and valuable mice have been destroyed since the outbreak of war, but enough are left to enable Prof. Haldane to continue his studies of the laws of heredity. The flies, in hundreds of half-pint milk bottles, are still intact and have now reached the generation. I understand that the Professor takes particular note of the colour of their eyes and the action of their wings.

Disease of the Great

It may not be true, as one of Disraeli's characters asserted, that "all Prime Ministers have gout"; but Mr. Chamberlain is certainly in exalted company as the disease claims him periodically as a victim. Prime Ministers who have been gouty include "Dizzy" himself, the Earl of Derby, Lord Palmerston, and both the Pitts. In the 20th century, however, the disease has almost deserted Downing Street.

It is said that 5 per cent. of the eminent men listed in the "Dictionary of National Biography" were gout sufferers, with statesmen predominating. Scientists numbered among the gouty included Newton and Darwin, and among the authors so afflicted were Milton, Gibbon, Fielding and Johnson. John Wesley did not escape, an early indication that the complaint attacks the abstemious as well as the three-bottle men, as is borne out, of course, by its visitation to the Chamberlain family.

What sort of plays do Londoners want in wartime? At first, it was thought that the demand would be for farces, revues and musical comedies. Greatly daring, a producer revived a straight play, "Tony Draws a Horse," which had reached its 250th performance just prior to the outbreak of war. His assessment of the public's taste has proved correct.

J. B. Priestley's serious play, "Music at Night," also was well received and is likely to break records at the Westminster Theatre. Yet a third departure from the "music-and-dance" type of entertainment is Elmer Rice's "Judgment Day," which portrays the methods used by the Nazis at the Reichstag fire trial. In the last war, revues and farces were the rage of London; this time it seems as if theatregoers want rather more solid fare.

A play that is likely to be revived in the West End is "Big Ben," one of the successes of the Malvern Festival. A part author is Ruby Miller, who played a big part on the entertainment front in the last war. She was the vamp in "A Little Bit of Fluff," a farce which amused innumerable men on leave, and scored one of the longest runs in theatrical history.

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Penalty Goals Help England To Defeat Italy

Extra Thirty Minutes Needed to Break Tie; Brilliant Play by Italian Goalie

PENALTY goals helped England to dispose of Italy in the first round of the International Cup competition on the Race Course yesterday afternoon when the Italians played an unorthordox brand of football to tie the score at 2-all at the end of the regular time and necessitate an extension of thirty minutes in which the Englishmen notched up the remaining three goals and won by a final 5-2 margin.

The English scored an early goal in the first few minutes through centre-forward Kinsella and then added a second point through outside-left Jim Ward from a penalty kick. The Italians netted two shots during the last eight minutes and put the score into a tie. In the first half of the prolongation Ward was given a second penalty kick and he converted to break the deadlock.

play nearly came to an abrupt end when the Italians decided to walk on the field owing to the referee awarding a fourth penalty kick to the Englishmen eleven. However, one of the Italian officers ordered his men to carry on which resulted in Kinsella scoring to put the score at 4-2. In the last minute Kidby countered for a final 5-2 margin.

The Italians had to thank their goalkeeper, Maienti, for holding the Englishmen players down as he saved at least half a dozen "certain" goals. Although short in stature, he jumped high into the air to snatch the ball on many occasions and then plunged daringly at his opponents' feet to effect clearances in a spectacular way.

On the winning side, Willie Ward was his usual self in goal and the two shots that went past him were difficult to save. Harrison did not kick well but his positional play was beyond reproach. Jelly was outstanding in the intermediate line. Among the forwards there was a complete lack of understanding and in the first half each one played disappointingly. They improved in the second half when Jim Ward changed positions with Edwards.

Following were the teams at the kick-off:—

England:—W. Ward, Gerwood, Harrison, Paget, Jelly, Symons, Parr, Edwards, Kinsella, Kidby, J. Ward.

Italy:—Maienti, Abate, Martinetto, Filone, Gandini, Piglione, Gianello, Cumis, Pesce, Assini, Pastorino.

England Score First

Playing with the wind at their back, England scored the first goal in the third minute through Kinsella following a short melee. The Italians attacked from the resultant kick-off and saw Assini drive a hard one from twenty yards which was saved by Ward. Kidby tested the Italian keeper also with a long shot and then shortly afterwards the English goal had a narrow escape when the Italians staged a concerted attack. Gianello sped down the right flank and centred for Pesce to slam a hot grounder on which Ward went to his knees to make a partial clearance. The ball went to Pastorino who passed over to see Cumis send a wild one over the cross-bar.

Play became ragged during the rest of the half. The English forwards failed to combine and Ward was served on the left flank.

Italians' Stubborn Resistance

In the first five minutes after the interval Assini missed a golden opportunity to level the score as he missed the post by barely a foot with only the keeper to beat. Immediately after the resultant goal-kick Parr started an attack. He was charged from behind by Piglione and from the penalty award Jim Ward put the English eleven two up.

The leaders had several chances to increase the margin, but their efforts were nullified when the Italians put up a stubborn resistance, especially goal-keeper Maienti who time after time pulled his team out of the fire with spectacular saves from all angles.

In the middle of the period Gianello missed a "sitter" when he miskicked in front of an open goal. For fully five minutes the trailers were all over the English goal, but Ward was steady as usual and kept a clean record.

At the other end of the field Maienti continued to make saves of all kind. There was no gainsaying that he was having a charmed life between the posts. Jim Ward was robbed of a sure goal when his shot hit the cross-bar and bounced back for one of the defenders to kick clear.

From a sudden breakaway in the 37th minute Gianello sent in a timely shot for Cumis to beat Ward with a nice header. Three minutes later the outside-right made another good play, putting over a lovely grounder for Pesce to take a first-time kick and placed the ball into the net for a 2-all deadlock.

Both sides went all out to forge ahead, but it was not until the 7th minute in the first part of the prolonged session that Ward converted a penalty kick. Piglione was again pulled up for infringing the rules. This time he deliberately punched the ball out of danger.

In the early stages of the second part Kidby was pushed from behind within the back area. Ward, taking the third spot kick, drove straight to keeper. A few minutes later another penalty was given to the winners as the goal-keeper was charged with blocking. The whole Italian team were opposed to the referee's decision and started to walk off the field. However, the officer in charge ordered them to carry on and this was followed by Kinsella scoring.

On a fifth penalty award, Jelly was given the job, but he drove against the cross-bar and the ball was cleared. In the last minute of the session Kidby followed up Parr's centre and netted the final point from only a few yards out.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SPORTS PROGRAMME

Today

RUGBY:—2.30 Seaforths 2nd XV v. U.S.M.C. 2nd XV. Referee: G. S. Dunkley.

3 S.R.U.F.C. 2nd XV v. Police. Referee: D. W. Leach.

FOOTBALL:—International Cup 1st Round.—Russia v. China, Canidrome, 10.30 a.m.

Reserve Cup 2nd Round.—Seaforths v. P.T.H., R.G. 1, 2.30 p.m.; Surreys v. S.F.K., R.G. 2, 2.30 p.m.; S.R.C. v. A.S.F., R.G. 5, 2.30 p.m.; Lido v. Tung Hwa, Kiaochow, 1 p.m.

Tsz Ling Cup 2nd Round.—Maccabi v. Wha Lien, Kiaochow, 3 p.m.

1st division.—S.R.C. v. Seaforths, S.R.C., 3 p.m.

2nd division.—Row. Club v. Area Details, Kiaochow, 8 a.m.

HOCKEY:—(Ladies) 2.20 p.m. S.J.S. v. A.S.P. "B" (R.C. 4).

3.30 p.m. J.A.C. "B" v. J.R.C. (R.C. 4)

(Men's) 3 p.m. United Services v. S.H.C. (Kiaochow).

3 p.m. S.H.C. "B" v. Surreys (R.C. 6).

2.15 p.m. Sikh Police v. J.R.C. (R.C 3).

3 p.m. United "B" v. Khalsa (R.C. 7).

Monday

FOOTBALL:—Tsz Ling Cup 2nd Round.—French Forces v. Italian Navy, R.G. 2, 2.30 p.m.; Parks v. J.R.C., Kiaochow, 3 p.m.

1st division.—Lusitano v. S.M.P., R.G. 1, 3 p.m.

3rd division.—Russ. Club v. Hotspurs, R.G. 5, 3 p.m.; Beter v. 3 Cults., Kiaochow, 1.30 p.m.

Tuesday

FOOTBALL:—Marine Engineers' Charity Cup Match.—Selected Foreign XI v. Selected Chinese XI, Canidrome, 3 p.m.

Tsz Ling Cup 2nd Round.—Sokol v. R.A.M.C., R.G. 1, 2.30 p.m.; Judeans v. Area Details, R.G. 2, 2.30 p.m.; Chin Hwa v. Xaverians, Kiaochow, 3 p.m.

3rd division.—Oarsmen v. Tung Wen, Kiaochow, 1.30 p.m.; Maccabi v. Old West., R.G. 5, 3 p.m.

HOCKEY:—(Men's) 10.30 a.m. S.H.C. Committee v. Garrison Officers (S.C.C.). 3 p.m. I.C.I. v. A.P.C. (R.C. 3).

Teeing Off Times at Seekingjao

December 25

8.56 Schinazi, Partner
9.04 Isherwood, Partner
9.32 Barry, MacAllister
9.36 Smith, Bell
9.44 Vice President
9.48 Drysdale, Brisk
9.52 Brister, Browne
9.56 President
10.04 Kelen, Vajda
10.36 Openshaw, Openshaw
10.44 Ballingall, Mrs. Ballingall

December 26

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9.52 Henderson, Chassels
9.56 President
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10.36 Openshaw, Openshaw
12.04 Barry, MacAllister
1.04 Evelie, Berthier

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

Sensational Italian Goalie Saves One

Mianenti is seen making one of his many brilliant saves in yesterday's international football match between Italy and England. Jim Ward is on the right.

France Just Beaten By Portugal

Single Goal Determines Issue; Frenchman Plays Without One Boot

Upsetting all earlier predictions that they would fall an easy prey to the all-powerful Portuguese, the French eleven almost created a sensation at the Race Course yesterday when they came within a goal, to lose by 2-3. The Portuguese started the game with a rush and for the better part of the first half, held the French in their territory. They slackened, however, and displayed an indifference that was not overcome during the rest of the game.

There were no particularly thrilling moments until the last few minutes when the French cut the margin to 3-2 and went all out to equalize. Only good goal-keeping by M. Souza saved the Portuguese, the defenders of the International Cup.

The French defence, Collet especially, played well and rarely allowed the Portuguese within shooting range. The second goal, however, was deflected into the French goal by their own back, who in an attempt to stop a shot from Victal, turned the ball into his own net. Marcal and Remedios were safe as backs, but seemed tired towards the end of the game and allowed the French forwards to come near the goal. Costa did not play his usual game, his kicking being very erratic at times. I. Remedios and Aldeguer were fast and dangerous, but they were well covered by the opposing halves. The French depended largely upon Bossuet and Segalen in the forward line and Collet as back.

A rather peculiar thing happened in the second half when Dinh, the French right half, kicked his boot off and finished the game with but one boot on. Boissezon effected many fine saves.

PORTUGAL: Souza, Remedios, Marcal Oliveira, Costa, Victal, I. Remedios, Collaco, Favacho, L. Rozario, Aldeguer.

FRANCE: Boissezon, Collet, Tessier, Dinh, Demail, Scapilini Sbath, Segalen Bossuet, Richard, Le Brar.

Nine Men Only

The French kicked off with nine men, Bossuet and Segalen showing up a few minutes later. Richard passed to Bossuet, but the centre forward shot straight at the goalie. The French broke the spell and Bossuet worked his way through the Portuguese defence and passed to Le Bras. The left winger was completely unmarked and took the opportunity to draw first blood with a fast one into the right corner of the net.

Their success was short-lived, however, for from the centre, Collaco passed to I. Remedios for the latter to direct a strong shot at Boissezon. The French goalie fumbled the ball and Favacho had no difficulty to equalize. It looked as if the Portuguese would now score at will, for they pressed continually. Aldeguer and I. Remedios shot at the goal not less than four times only to see Boissezon deal with the ball in a masterly manner. Tessier conceded

The Portuguese went ahead in the 30th minute when Victal took a far shot and Tessier, the French left back, in his attempt to stop the ball, turned it into his own net for Portugal's second goal. Oliveira sent L. Rozario through, but the inside right was stopped by Collet who passed to Sbath, but the winger was too slow and allowed Marcal to rob him before he could shoot. Collet twice saved the French goal from falling when he robbed first Favacho and then Collaco when they were within the penalty area.

The second half started with the Portuguese attacking and Collet kicked to goalie to clear. Favacho shot wide when he received a pass from L. Rozario. Aldeguer beat Collet and centred, but there were no forwards to receive the ball and it went out. The Portuguese scored their third goal when Collaco passed to Favacho and the centre-forward made no mistake with a fast ground into the corner of the net.

Dinh, the French right half, played without a boot and his first attempt at kicking was rather poor as he miskicked and allowed Aldeguer through. The winger shot at the goal and Boissezon dived to save. Souza effected a brilliant save when he took the ball off Segalen's boots when the latter was on the verge of scoring. The Portuguese were hard pressed by the French and ten minutes before the end, the latter managed to cut the score to 3-2 when Bossuet broke through but fell just in front of the Portuguese goal. The centre-forward managed, however, to bundle the ball to Segalen who scored while practically on the goal-line.

Soccer Results Here At a Glance

The results of the football games played in Shanghai yesterday were as follows:—

INTERNATIONAL CUP

England 5, Italy 2
Scotland 2, Palestine 1
Portugal 3, France 2

TSZ LING CUP

Three Cultures 4, Russian Regiment 2
U. T. Party 12, Oarsmen 2

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Xaverians 3, Aurora 1
R.A.M.C. 2, Judeans 1

Tung Wen Do As They Please

Crushing Rugger Victory Scored Over Area Details By Speedy Collegians

The Tung Wen College 1st XV had not the slightest difficulty in defeating the Area Details at the Race Course yesterday afternoon, the Japanese doing almost as they pleased to go through the soldiers' defence like a hot knife through butter, and chalk up no less than 37 points (five goals and four tries) to nil. Thus in six days the Area Details have had 91 points scored against them without totalling a single point in reply, it being remembered that last Sunday the Marines ran roughshod over them to the tune of 54-0.

Yesterday the Japanese played their usual fine brand of football that throughly pleased a good sized crowd. Their pack, playing cleverly, were able to get the ball back with monotonous frequency and the outsides did the rest. The sprightly collegians tore huge holes in the defence opposing them and though they were considerably helped by the poor Detail tackling, they proved adepts at the handling code. They attacked the soldiers' line in one wave after another, the ball travelling with lightning speed across the field in one continuous onslaught. These Japanese are good and many another local team could learn a deal from their methods. They run straight, they punt ahead, they cross kick and they tackle as if they mean to bring down the man with the ball. As officient team that plays orthodox football!

Of course the Details were on the defence throughout and they had their hands full in keeping the total within reasonable bounds, for had Tung Wen been afforded even half a chance they might well have doubled their final total. They played a hard, clean, yet most interesting type of game that will certainly stand them in good stead against more powerful Shanghai fifteens.

TUNG WEN COLLEGE 1ST XV: Hara; Uchiyama, Tanda, Yoshimura, Mizuno; Akobori, Inoue; Murakami, Ishida, Kaite, Hino, Kanai, Matsuura, Maki, Wakatsuki.

AREA DETAILS: Whincup, Ward, McPherson, Thrower, Garside, Hewetson, Bamford, Newton, Grainger, Jones Faulkner, Searles, Crew, Williams and Evans.

Referee: Mr. R. D. K. Silby.

Within four minutes Tung Wen had opened their account, Yoshimura going over far out. Hara missed the ensuing kick. The Japanese then resumed the attack and came very close to adding to their lead on numerous occasions and though the soldiers did come close to equalizing, the eventual winners soon pressed them back and after twelve minutes had gone further ahead, Uchiyama making a long winding run of fifty yards that took him clean through a harassed defence. Hara added two more points.

Two minutes later Tanda, selling dummies galore, went over for still a further try, while before the interval Mizuno increased the total by placing the ball between the posts after an excellent run. Hara did the rest to make the score 16-0 at lemon-time.

In the second half the collegians did just as they pleased and ripped one great gap after another in a defence that was all at sixes and sevens. They scored five more tries at regular intervals, Hara converting no less than three of them.

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2. ASTI
3. URANGA
4. ICHASO
5. PRUDENCIO
6. ENRIQUE

TO-MORROW—MATINEE ONLY

Marines Defeat Rugby Club

Civilians Dominate in First Period But Give Way in Final Stages; Dickson Outstanding

THE U.S. Marine 1st XV gave local rugger followers a taste of their power once again at the Race Course yesterday afternoon when, completely outplayed by the Club senior side during the first half, they managed to hold a two-point lead at the interval and then pen their opponents during the final half in their own 25 for almost the entire thirty minutes and finally win a most interesting encounter by fifteen points (three goals) to eight (one goal and one try). At times the game produced fine football, especially during the initial period when the Club forwards, securing the ball with regularity were able to put their outsides away on splendid movements. There is not the slightest doubt that the Club, in the first half, should have scored somewhere in the region of 20 points, but inability to hold passes at the crucial moment spelled disaster.

The Marines were probably more surprised than the Club when they found themselves leading by ten points to eight with the interval approaching, for the Americans had only been near the civilian goal line on four occasions, but on two of these tries resulted and Davis made good the kicks.

For two-thirds of the match the Club suffered a big handicap in that Knightly, who was hurt early on, was compelled to leave the field an appreciable time before the interval and did not return. His loss forced the Club to play a seven men pack which soon told its tale against the heavier and more virile Marine forwards. In the early stages the Club were more than holding their own against the Marine forwards but after Knightly was injured the boot was on the other foot and rarely did the ball travel back to the Club outsides with, of course, negative results.

Not to Be Denied

On the other hand it is doubtful whether the Club would have been able to triumph over their adversaries even had their full complement of players been at their disposal throughout. The Americans were not to be denied and their methods, unorthodox it must be admitted, were quite good enough to foil the attempts of the more crafty opponents. In the second half they battered at the Club line and only superb tackling and inability to let the ball out to the Marine threes prevented more points being added.

The outstanding player on the field was Dickson, the Club full-back, whose touch kicking was responsible for driving back the Marines again and again. He was here, there and everywhere and was a distinct thorn in the American side from start to finish. Lending him fine support were Dickinson, Aucott and Martin who played inspired games. Best of the Marines were Juracko, who worked like a Trojan, and Nicolai, while Brown also put in some fine work.

U.S. MARINES 1ST XV:—Malaro, Snead, Nicolai, Barker, Betteridge, Brown, Blondin, Davis, Juracko, Bixler, Doore, Connolly, Duhovovitch, Drew and Morton.

CLUB 1ST XV:—W. N. Dickson; J. W. M. Martin, A. P. D. Kennedy, A. Thomas, S. J. Ward; I. F. Aucott, J. R. Dickinson; W. D. Pearson (captain), R. U. Reynolds, R. A. O. Mayne, P. B. Tay, J. D. Sayle, F. J. Knightly, C. F. Pow, M. O. Liddell.

Referee: Mr. D. W. McEwan.

Club Attack

Right from the start the Club pressed hard and with the backs moving together very well, try after try seemed imminent but some deadly Marine tackling coupled with dropped passes told the inevitable tale. The Club maintained the pressure for no less than eight minutes and were deep in the American 25 with each and every Marine effort to break away frustrated before the slightest damage had been done. Aucott and Kennedy showed up well during this period of the game and often left their opposite numbers standing.

After eight minutes, however, the Marines kicked ahead from a poor Club pass and Nicolai, utilizing his tremendous speed, was through the Club defence before the outsides knew what had happened. He touched down between the posts and Davis made no mistake with the ensuing kick to place the Marines five points up after the game had been all against them.

Any thoughts that the Club were likely to crumble were soon dispelled, however, and the civilians maintained their persistent attack, clever movements among the threes following quickly one after the other. The pressure eventually told and finally after a splendid piece of work by Aucott who cut through, the ball was flashed out to Martin who outdistanced the defence and ran round to score the first Club try. Dickson levelled the total with a good kick.

The Club resumed the attack and only desperate tackling kept them out. Kennedy had a fine chance of putting the Club in the lead but a knock-on nullified the effort. A minute later from a scrum on the Marine five yard line, Dickinson put Aucott in possession on the blind side and the Club stand-off sold a beautiful dummy before plunging over far out for another try. Dickson's kick was a little wide.

Knightly then went off and the Marines were seen to better advantage. They began pressing and Nicolai showed up well with some delightful corkscrew running. From a scrum near the Club line, the ball was heeled by the Club, but before Dickinson could gather, Davis was on him and taking the ball away, equalized the total. A few seconds later the same player converted his own try to place the Marines ahead.

The second half was in favour of the Marines throughout, the Club pack shoving 3-4, being hardly ever able to secure the ball and put their backs away. Whenever they did the Marines were up on their men as quick as lightning and down went the man with the ball. One series of scrimmages followed another and little constructive football was seen, kicking to touch, mauls and scrimmages taking up most of the time. But though the play was always in the Club half, the score was close enough to make the match a particularly interesting one, there always being the chance that the Club would break away and get ahead.

But such thoughts were never permitted to materialize in actual play and after the Americans had attacked relentlessly Nicolai went over for another try five minutes before the end and Davis kicked the goal. The Club were to the fore in the closing seconds, but they never looked like adding to their total.

Table Tennis Match

The next match on the local schedule will be between the Sokol Girls and Hwa Lien Girls at 8 p.m. next Wednesday at 888 Weihaiwei Road. Four matches have been arranged for Thursday.

Canidrome Results

1—300 yd. flat.—1, Boxing Fan; 2, Performance.
Also ran:—Rio Princess, Dah Chong, Slippery Sam, Mr. Ching.
½ length.—Time, 18.62.
Win, $22. Forecast (5-1) Div. $186.70.
Place, 1st $14.20; 2nd $6.90.

2—440 yd. flat.—1, Some Fortune; 2, Candid Attack.
Also ran:—Best Child, Captain Charming, Go Smiling, Frisky Bambino.
3 lengths.—Time, 26.49.
Win, $10.10. Forecast (5-4) Div. $20.
Place, 1st $6.80; 2nd $8.20.
Double Event 1/2 (5-5) Div. $33.60.

3—440 yd. flat.—1, Only Babbler; 2, Royal Rank.
Also ran:—Rubby Shannon, Grand Senate, Rough Clara, Grand Show.
A head.—Time, 26.75.
Win, $57.70. Forecast (6-3) Div. $238.10.
Place, 1st $18.20; 2nd $14.20.
Double Event 2/3 (5-6) Div. $26.60.

4—500 yd. flat.—1, Zayelong; 2, Grayzeb.
Also ran:—Dainty Maid, Belle O'New York, Wild Flower, Our Best.
Short head.—Time, 30.68.
Win, $24.70. Forecast (1-4) Div. $68.90.
Place, 1st $8.10; 2nd $6.90.
Double Event 3/4 (6-1) Div. $70.20.

5—300 yd. flat.—1, Deflation; 2, Jacinthe.
Also ran:—Assurance, Jorrock's Best, Bell Boy, Our Hope.
3½ lengths.—Time, 30.13.
Win, $16.40. Forecast (6-3) Div. $61.40.
Place, 1st $8; 2nd $9.
Double Event 4/5 (1-6) Div. $63.40.

6—500 yd. flat.—1, Myrthe; 2, Grumpy.
Also ran:—Silvoreen, Great Wall.
Win, $30.10. Forecast (4-5) Div. $230.30.
Place, 1st $16; 2nd $18.70.
Double Event 5/6 (6-4) Div. $49.60.

7—500 yd. flat.—1, Lady Swift; 2, Jubilee Queen.
Also ran:—The Quartermaster, Feeling Fine, Bowsterman, General.
2 lengths.—Time, 30.12.
Win, $26.80. Forecast (2-1) Div. $82.10.
Place, 1st $10.60; 2nd $9.10.
Double Event 6/7 (4-2) Div. $86.10.

8—500 yd. flat.—1, Shanghai Bill; 2, Janet.
Also ran:—Actor, Celadon, Talisman, Flash Viscen.
1½ length.—Time, 29.91.
Win, $16.60. Forecast (4-1) Div. $158.80.
Place, 1st $12.90; 2nd $15.60.
Double Event 7/8 (2-4) Div. $41.20.

9—500 yd. flat.—1, Black Shadow; 2, Feeldale.
Also ran:—Creditor, Simple Jackie, Athos, Ladybird II.
1 length.—Time, 29.66.
Win, $56.60. Forecast (4-3) Div. $139.90.
Place, 1st $17.40; 2nd $12.30.
Double Event 8/9 (4-4) Div. $88.

10—500 yd. flat.—1, Peeress; 2, Hsuan Kang Bar.
Also ran:—Pearlman, Bethany, King Chu Bar, Follow Me.
4 lengths.—Time, 29.44.
Win, $18.80. Forecast (6-2) Div. $266.50.
Place, 1st $11.10; 2nd $24.60.
Double Event 9/10 (4-6) Div. $103.50.

11—500 yd. flat.—1, Bellrock; 2, Black Satin.
Also ran:—Woodstock Robin, Whirlwind, Felicity, Inverspey.
1½ length.—Time, 29.54.
Win, $25.10. Forecast (6-3) Div. $127.50.
Place, 1st $13.10; 2nd $11.70.
Double Event 10/11 (6-6) Div. $35.10.

Utilities Football

At 10 a.m. today, the Phones are to take the field against the Watermen in the Joint Utilities Football League. The match will be played at Kiaochow Park. The following match in this league will be on January 7 between the Powermen and the Busmen.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

As The Marines Down The Club

Action in yesterday's rugger match in which the 4th Marines defeated the Rugby Club's 1st XV. The victim in this picture lost his pants in the play and a huddle was necessary to reclothe him.

Light Automatic Coy. Draw with Club

Hardfought Hockey Seen At Race Course

Fighting their opponents to a scoreless tie in the first half and then making splendid rallies in the remaining period, the Light Automatic Company of the S.V.C. held the Shanghai Hockey Club XI to a 2-all draw in a friendly match at the Race Course yesterday. The Volunteers were well served by J. W. Pote-Hunt and Larsen who gained a goal each to level the score twice.

Play was close from beginning to end. In the first half none of the players was given any chance to shoot at the goal freely. The Club representatives seemed to have better teamwork, but that did not help them very much as the Light Automatic eleven successfully kept the goal intact.

That the Volunteers were playing a good game is indicated by the way they drew first blood upon the resumption. Pote-Hunt was the scorer. He took a pass from the wing and ran toward the right to finish off with a raking shot which had the opposing goal-keeper completely beaten.

The Club team equalized through Parsons who, cutting in from the wing position, crashed a hard one past the custodian. Some time later, Lowe scored to put the Club players ahead following a concerted attack in which all the five forwards had a part.

Putting up a determined fight towards the closing stages, the Light Automatic Company succeeded in breaking into the Club defence every now and then. During one of the raids, Larsen drove into the net a pretty shot and deadlocked the score at 2-all. Afterwards, each side was unable to break the tie as the two teams seemed content with the result.

Police Lose

In another senior friendly game the Shanghai Hockey Club took the measure of the S. M. Police by the odd goal in nine. In the first half the Club players were firmly checked by the law officers who finished even at half-time with a 1-all score. Upon the resumption the ultimate winners unleashed a streak of form to notch up four goals in succession one of which, however, was made by Meyer a member of the Police team.

As soon as the margin reached 5-1 the Club eleven slackened to enable the Police to come up from behind and counter a pair of shots. The rally proved threatening as in the closing minutes the Police nearly levelled the score in spite of the fact that the Club tightened their defence.

Palestine Put Out By Scotland

Narrow Victory Watched By Big Crowd; Half-Time Lead of 2-1 Maintained

The Scots were considered lucky not to be eliminated by the Jewish foot-ballers in the first round of the International Cup competition at the Race Course yesterday when they snatched a 2-1 lead at half-time and maintained it until the finish.

It was a rather uninteresting game as Scotland, playing against a number of junior league exponents, failed to become organized. The forward line was woefully weak as McCorkindale and Orr could not open up the play and left the brunt of the attack to the hree other vanmen.

Huff Cochran beat the Jewish keeper with a fast grounder in the second minute to establish a lead which eventually paved the way to victory. The Jews soon equalized, following a long bombardment, but again the Scots forged into the lead when goalkeeper Wolfin misjudged Thomson's sending and permitted McCorkindale to convert the winning hot.

The teams were:—
SCOTLAND:—Sinclair (Rowing Club) McDonald (Seaforths), Campbell (Seaforths) Capt., Jack (S.R.C.), McCusker (Seaforths), Muir (Rowing Club), Ort (S.F.C.), Duncan (Seaforths), Cochran (P.T.H.), McCorkindale (P.T.H.) Thomson (Seaforths).
PALESTINE:—Wolfin (A.S.F.); Kramer (J.R.C.); Reiseberg (J.R.C.); M. Greenberg (S.F.X.); Meyer (J.R.C.) Telnicker (J.R.C.); Tuttelman (S.F.X.); S. Greenberg (Police); Friedlande (J.R.C.); Jacob (J.R.C.); Levy (J.R.C.).

Scots Attack

The Scottish team attacked. Duncan started a good play and passed forward to keep the ball in Palestine's territory. When the contest was hardly two minues old Orr put across a low centre. Cochran broke away from Meyer, the Jewish centre-half, and, after receiving the pass about ten yards from the goal, directed a grounder into the corner of the net.

From the resultant centre kick the trailers began a strong attack. McCusker and Campbell did Trojan's work and saved a number of dangerous situations. Levy and Jacob on the left flank were quite dangerous and in less than seven minutes came the equalizer. The point was made by Jacob who dribbled past Campbell.

The Jewish players continued to threaten, playing with all their might to crash their way through a tight Scotland defence as led by McCusker. Jack and Muir, the two wing halves, were sometimes a trifle too slow, but they recovered in time to help the rest of the defenders.

Levy, the outside-left, had the misfortune of driving a fast one against the upright in a speedy attack. The ball then travelled to the other side where Wolfin let Thomson's lob bounce over his head. Without the least difficulty, McCorkindale tapped it into an open goal.

Jews Fight Back

By no means discouraged, the trailers fought back, but while attacking almost persistently lacked the punch to drive past Sinclair.

In the second half the trailers continued to have the greater part of the play, showing much better cohesion. Sam Greenberg proved a capable leader as he was always on the spot to push the ball forward. Lack of finish among the rest of the forward line prevented his team from making the score a tie.

At the other end of the field the Scots tried their utmost to increase the lead. Thomson and Duncan took a few shots which went astray and McCorkindale also made some moves, attempting to score but were unsuccessful.

Play deteriorated in the closing stages and the ball was confined mostly to midfield.

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Season's Fourth Paperhunt

Oates Wins His Pink; Miss Yvonne Pollock First Y on Card; Country Folk Have Their Joke

By "The Chaser"

R. T. Oates gained the right to don a pink coat when he won the fourth hunt of the season yesterday afternoon in the Minghong district while Miss Yvonne Pollock qualified Mischief for the Challenge Cup by being the first Y in the card, coming in second. About forty-five hardy thrusters gathered at 3 o'clock on the flats, north of the railway and were sent off by the Master, Mr. J. H. Liddell. The Baffle Creek Water Jump was easily negotiated in spite of it being encountered so early in the hunt.

At Cox's Bath, the local country gentry made up their minds to have a bit of fun at the expense of the hunters and filled the jump with twigs and branches. The leaders came up to it at a full gallop and the moment the ponies saw the obstacles they would have nothing to do with it and shied off. However, encouraged by the shouts and cheers from the country folk, R. J. Sheppard on Off Chance was the first to clear the jump. Heavy discussion arose at the Race Club bar last night as it was not ascertained whether Sheppard forced the pony to jump or the pony bolted and took the jump in his stride. The point nevertheless remains that he took the jump and in good style too!

Mrs. Andrews who eventually finished fourth on the card on Rye, and Alec White followed Sheppard over Cox's Bath and led the way to Disappointment Creek. After some good galloping green paper was picked up at Hairy Bridge. The field galloped like scalded cats on the run home but met with a check which gave the stragglers an opportunity to catch up. In spite of this, the leaders soon found paper and from Dead Cat Creek, the run home was tantamount to a steeplechase. R. T. Oates, the eventual winner, was first over Zig Zag and was followed hard by Mrs. Andrews, Kent Lutey, C. N. Abbott, A. H. Laidlaw and a dozen others.

Spills were unusually few and Dr. W. L. McWhirter who laid the hunt was heartily congratulated for having laid a splendid hunt.

The card read as follows:

Hunt laid by Dr. D. L. McWhirter.
1. Mr. R. T. Oates on Waterwagtail (Z)
2. Miss Yvonne Pollock on Mischief (Y)
3. Mr. Kent Lutey on Contentment (Y)
4. Mrs. E. Andrews on Rye (Y)
5. Dr. R. H. Robertson on Colorado Kid (Y)
6. Mr. Chester Fritz on Adrian (Z)
New Pink, Mr. R. T. Oates.
Challenge Cup qualification. Mischief.

The Course

The course was as follows:

Start, on the Flats North of the Railway near Ah Pao's Finish, over Railway to Baffle Creek Water Jump round loop to Concrete Bridge, Wade to Cox's Bath via Wades and small jumps to Disappointment Creek. Across Road to Creek Line via Four Evangelists and Loop to Cocktails. Wade to Macnaghten's Finish. Green Paper at Fairy Bridge. Over Railway to Damnation Wade. Check at Eureka Passage. Through Babbacombe Ford round Labyrinth to new jump and platform at Dead Cat Creek. Grassy Bottom platform to Grayrigg's Finish, Zig Zag to finish at Ah Pao's Finish.

Pretty, youthful Patricia Ellis, one of the most popular members of Hollywood's film colony because of her gaiety, friendliness and charm of manner, has always wanted to be a screen "meanie." She gets her wish in Columbia's thrilling drama, "Fugitive at Large," starring Jack Holt.

Garcia Smashes Lee to Canvas

Filipino Retains World Middleweight Title with T.K.O. in 13th Round

Rizal Memorial Stadium, Manila, Dec. 23.

Ceferino Garcia, husky Filipino, a world middleweight champion in the eyes of the New York Boxing Commission, tonight retained his title by scoring a technical knockout over Glen Lee of Nebraska in the thirteenth round of a 15-round battle.

Unleashing a savage attack in the thirteenth after dropping Lee on four previous occasions, Garcia sent Lee sprawling to the canvas in the fatal canto to force Jack Dempsey, the referee, to cut short the fight and award the decision on a T.K.O. to the Filipino.

Garcia started his furious attacks in the first round when he caught Lee with a vicious "bolo" punch, his favourite blow. Lee staggered under the terrific blow, blood streaming from his mouth.

In the fourth round, Lee dropped to the canvas for the first time, taking a three count. In the eighth round, Garcia was a fighting fool, punishing Lee with hard, jolting blows. Lee started to crumble and went down for a count of eight. Then Garcia floored Lee twice in the eleventh round, the Nebraskan going down for nine and then for seven, being saved by the bell on the last occasion.

Lee Plucky

Lee was game to the core and brought cheers from the huge crowd when he attempted to rally in the sixth and ninth rounds when he forced the pace. But he was weak from punishment and was forced to clinch, causing Dempsey to warn him repeatedly.

The bout was fought before 30,000 howling fans, who jammed the open air stadium despite a slight drizzle.

The thirteenth proved an unlucky one for Lee. He ran into a terrible blow and went down for a count of eight. He rose weakly only to be sent down again. This time he stayed down until Dempsey had tolled nine. As he got up on his weak legs and started to reel, Dempsey cut short the bout and proclaimed Garcia the winner on a T.K.O.

The United Press sports writers gave Garcia all but the first and sixth rounds, which were even. An estimated crowd of 30,000 watched the bout, the slight drizzle keeping away several thousand.

Never in Doubt

The Nebraskan fought a game fight, but never had a chance. He did not land more than a dozen solid punches throughout the battle.

The outcome of the bout was never in doubt after the third round when the Filipino's right commenced connecting with sickening regularity.

Garcia concentrated his terrible punches to Lee's face and the American's face was a bloody mask.

The unlucky thirteenth started slowly with Lee clinching. Dempsey separated the two boxers, and Garcia landed with a left and then shot in a right. Lee dropped but rose to take a terrific right hook to the chin. He started to rise on the count of nine, but Dempsey raised Garcia's hand one second before the bell and adjudged Garcia the winner on a T.K.O.

After the fight, Garcia praised Lee. Garcia told Lee, "I had to give Freddie Apostoli only one hook and down he went. I gave you a million punches and you still get up."

Lee lauded Garcia's punching prowess.—United Press.

First Chinese to Win Bowling Title

Mrs. Kwok Scores Fine Triple To Take Honours

Scoring a remarkable triple of 340 in the third and final round at the American Club yesterday evening, Mrs. Kwok upset all calculations to win the Shanghai Ladies Singles Duck Pins Championship and became the first Chinese, man or woman, ever to have taken the coveted title. The champion totalled 929 to defeat her closest rival by a good 27 pins.

Mrs. Prince took second honours by turning in the second highest triple of 316. Third place was gained by Mrs. Collaco, there being only a difference of four pins between the two. Mrs. Zee, another Chinese competitor, jumped from ninth to fifth as she also passed the 300 mark. Finishing sixth was Mrs. Malleck, the defending champion who had an off-day with 275.

Results

Following were the complete results:—

Mrs. Kwok	116	124	100	340	929
Mrs. Prince	130	91	95	316	902
Mrs. Collaco	88	104	108	300	896
Mrs. Geibel	85	111	93	289	879
Mrs. Zee	93	111	97	301	878
Mrs. Malleck	90	87	98	275	875
Miss Hykes	87	84	93	264	861
Mrs. Vines	90	78	98	266	858
Mrs. Schuster	93	109	90	292	858
Mrs. Grey III	97	119	83	299	856
Mrs. Bristow	98	83	84	265	846
Mrs. Cardwell	100	100	105	305	837
Mrs. Dalton	87	98	82	267	826
Mrs. Huebner	89	82	93	264	819
Miss Jackson	78	87	104	269	799
Miss Picozzi	76	80	97	253	790
Mrs. Evans	80	78	104	262	789
Mrs. Deegan	80	85	83	248	781

New Year Champions Super Heat Today

Topnotchers of Local Team to Play

The topnotchers of the local team will take over the court today for the super heat of the New Year Hai Alai Champions, after the regular matinee programme. Christmas Day and Boxing days will see one programme a day only, namely, matinees as the management has decided not to add soirees due to the holiday season.

Andrinua, called the Barcelona Bearcat in local Hai Alai circles will defend his crown today, and has to go through the process of elimination as well as the other pelotaris. At No. 10 he reports to be in tip top condition and if recent form can be taken as an indication, should be among the first five to qualify.

Ten Straight

Prudencio who scored ten straight points in a Championship, has position No. 1 followed by that dashing new importation Asti. The most improved player of the local team Guernica has No. 3 position followed by the week's average leader Garate. "Cowboy" Guridi has rated position No. 5 according to the intendente and 1936 Champion Alberdi, with his trusty forehand is No. 6. Lucky 7 is "Tarzan" Acha's number and the most difficult positions Nos. 8, 9 and 10 are in the hands of Taboada, Osa and Andrinua respectively.

"Little" Enrique brother of Taboada has not been entered in the Champions due to an unwritten law in Hai Alai which forbids two brothers to compete in any event.

Butler Captures Bowling Title

Finishes Strongly with 337 Triple to Win by Comfortable Margin

Tommy Butler, who captured the Shanghai Men's Singles Duck Pins Championship in 1934, yesterday regained the title at the Fourth Marines Club by completing the series with a grand aggregate of 1,025 pins. He scored 326 in the opening round, 362 in the second and them wound off with 337.

"Ski" Nowaczyk, who finished second in the second round, fourteen pins behind, had the misfortune of hurting himself in a basketball game at the Navy Y.M.C.A. an hour or so before he was supposed to bowl and had to be withdrawn from the competition.

Kleffel and Gonsalves were tied for third place, each getting a total of 970.

Complete results were:—

Butler	105	119	113	337	1025
Kleffel	103	87	109	299	970
Gonsalves	111	98	122	331	970
Hilden	111	97	94	302	956
Dolinsek	105	117	93	315	924
Bourne	114	88	95	297	923
Henningsen	92	97	113	302	923
Deegan	94	87	115	296	921
H.M. Smith	111	108	106	325	921
Pote-Hunt	107	116	96	319	912
Xavier	100	109	83	292	910
Fiori	97	91	118	306	907
Read	95	126	95	316	906
Cardwell	91	115	83	289	904
Messersmith	84	106	96	285	898
Klovekorn	88	111	88	287	897
Krenecicki	98	104	93	290	894
Huebner	115	96	95	306	892
Ashley	98	97	106	301	891
Boyle	104	93	104	301	891
Scuter	101	99	83	283	886
Kimball	108	104	106	318	883
Dalton	92	105	87	284	874
Gray	97	85	82	264	873
Cone	78	102	102	282	870
Jacobs	85	88	90	263	869
Belknap	95	103	94	292	865
Piper	96	102	89	287	862
Appelboom	82	93	105	280	858
Watton	101	113	94	308	858
Ladd	89	103	87	279	855
Roles	80	96	96	272	853
K. Cox	87	97	92	276	834
Picozzi	93	79	99	271	829
Bojesen	81	91	93	265	826
Rayden	98	83	77	249	824
Coulcher	102	88	82	272	817
Swan	79	85	97	261	809
Stock	88	90	95	273	809

Congressman Wants to Purify Boxing

New York, 23.

Rep. Ambrose J. Kennedy of Maryland has opened a crusade to "clean up" professional boxing by placing the "fight game" under federal control. When Congress convenes early in January, Representative Kennedy will introduce a bill to that effect.—United Press.

Wesley Ruggles' Columbia production, "Too Many Husbands," scheduled to start soon, with Jean Arthur, Fred MacMurray and Melvyn Douglas, converts a headline newspaper story into a hilarious comedy situation.

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Full Measure

WIFE: "I always believe in weighing my words before speaking."

Husband: "And you don't give short weight, either."

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No Candles

VILLAGE Store Assistant: "No candles today, granny. Stocks short because of the war."

Granny: "Dear me! Be they fight-by candlelight?"

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Blinking Mice

THE good lady welcomed her two little evacuees the first evening and sat them down to a supper of buttered biscuits and cheese.

With Cockney wit, one of the boys asked, "What do you think we are, missus, blinking mice?"

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Final Word

"No, sir," said the angry father, "you can't have her. I won't have a son-in-law who has not more brains than to want to marry a girl with no more sense than my daughter has shown in allowing you to think you could have her."

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Thrifty

IT was an air-raid in Scotland. "Why didn't they sound the sirens?" a visitor to Edinburgh asked a resident.

"Just their thrifty nature, no doot," was the reply. "It were daylight, an' folk could see for their-selves."

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Too Late

THE Duke of Wellington was once in great danger of being drowned at sea.

It was bed-time, when the captain of the ship came to him and said:—"It will soon be all over with us."

"Very well," replied the Duke, "then I shall not take off my boots."

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Poor Cock Robin

AN eight-year-old London boy, evacuated to the country, watched a sky-lark singing.

Seeing a farmer come by, he called out to him:

"Oh, mister, there be a poor little spagger (sparrow) up there, and he can't get up nor down, and the poor little thing's shouting like hell."

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No Name

HE decided that he would keep his own registration card in his pocket and that his wife had better keep both hers and their daughter's in her handbag.

Then up pipes their little daughter: "Oh, and what if they drops a bomb on me? How will they tell who I am if my name is in your handbags?"

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Last Kick

THE argument was about past and present heroes of football. One speaker was pouring scorn on the style of play of a certain centre-forward who died some years ago.

"I've always held," he went on, "that Joe couldn't place a ball for nuts, and even the parson said at his funeral: 'Many will regret his passing'."

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Underclothes

A COUPLE found that the two evacuees billeted on them had brought no pyjamas, so on the first night they lent them some.

On going to say good-night to the children in bed, they found them sprucely dressed in the pyjamas, but their dayclothes were nowhere in sight. They were eventually found—underneath the pyjamas.

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Not Wanted

MOST people in the village had been asking "Joggins," the village scrounger, when he was going to join up. Then he met the village parson—who asked: "Why don't you join the army, Joggins?"

Joggins: "Do you know, Parson, I don't think there's a war on at all. I think it's a plot to get me out of this village."

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Cost of Living

A MOTHER took her six-year-old girl shopping the other day and who noticed that she didn't buy any sugar.

"Has it gone up again, Mammy?" she asked.

"Yes,"

She thought for a minute and said, "Mammy, do you think they will put the price of little boys and girls up as well?"

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His Routine

A SMALL boy was evacuated from Liverpool and billeted with a married couple in the country.

When it got late on the first night of his coming, he was told to get ready for bed. But the little chap stood watching his host and hostess expectantly.

After a bit he turned to his host and said, "When are you going to give the old woman a good hiding? My Dad gives my Mam one every night."

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What a Target

A DULLWITTED fellow recently called-up became the butt of the sergeant.

After many hours of practice-shooting on the miniature range, this youth had still not once hit the target and the sergeant in desperation said: "The best thing you can do is to go outside and shoot yourself."

The youth left and a few moments later the sergeant heard the report of a rifle. He ran outside, terrified lest he had been taken at his word, but was greeted with the remark "It's O.K., sergeant, I've missed again."

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To sit in the light.

Time's no deterrent
To lovelies like you
Turn on the current
And turn a bright blue.

If your digestion
Reddens your nose
He'll pop the question
Under Old Rose
But if deep sorrow
Spoils your ideal,
Don't trust the morrow
—Daylight is Real!

—E.M.D., in the "Daily Mirror."

London Letter

News and Notes From Home

Better to Disbelieve What One Hears from Germany; Football Pools in Difficulties

BY O. M. GREEN

(Editor "North-China Daily News," 1911-1930)

London, Nov. 18.

ON the station bookstall yesterday morning, big headlines on two papers side by side attracted me. One said, "German Split on Future Policy: Hitler's Plans Opposed by High Command." The other said: "Nazi Mind Now Made Up: British Domination Must Be Crushed." So you pay your money and you take your choice.

I wonder whether any psychologist has ever examined the connection between the scepticism of the age and the influence of war propaganda—aftermath of the last war stimulated to new effect by this one.

When I was young in Fleet Street, Vienna was known as the hot bed of all the "bunders" in Europe. That title now seems vigorously completed for by at least three neutral capitals—for obvious reasons I will not name them. What can one believe of the innumerable reports of what is happening in Germany?

It seems fairly certain that German preparation for this war is not to be compared with that for the last. It seems clear that Hitler does not know what to do or he would have done it long ago. He built up his reputation in Germany by easy triumphs over weak opponents. He was positive that Great Britain and France would not fight and in them he finds a very different proposition.

We may assume that the Nazis do not possess secret weapons of hideous power—U-boats and aeroplanes of Arabian Nights' speed and range—or they would have used them long ago.

Steeling Oneself for Anything

The best plan is to disbelieve everything one hears about Germany and steel oneself for anything. But it would be interesting to know the real worth of the monarchical restoration rumours; and of the "German Freedom Party," whose irrepressible broadcasts must be putting Himmler and his Gestapo in a perfect frenzy.

Tonight as you may have heard, we put our clocks back an hour and lose the extra bit of twilight, we have been enjoying, hitherto, even on pouring wet evenings like the last three, it has not been really dark by 4 or 4.30. Many firms are to open their offices at 8 a.m. and close at 4, but people who have to go a long way home will not score much.

A Member of Parliament told me recently that many men in the House are seriously worried about the depressing effect on people's spirits of the coming months of darkness. In an article on Iceland I read recently that when the sun returns after the winter's night, some people go temporarily quite delirious. One can understand it. One supposes, at least one hopes, that Sir John Anderson and his experts are trying to hammer out some scheme to enable us to see our way about without lighting up the sky. A great electrician told me yesterday that it was by no means impossible, though it might be costly. Well it would be money well spent.

Christmas Shopping Not Dull

Meanwhile the shops are to be allowed to use lighted signs, in three-inch letters, well recessed. So the Christmas shopping, which is already beginning vigorously, will not be too dull. Gradually, too, the theatres are opening up again.

One interesting production will be "Judgment Day" at the Dhoenix, which is based on the Reichstag fire trial. The producers wanted to bring in Hitler and Goering, but the Lord Chamberlain said "no." With a courtesy which the Nazis may or may not appreciate, he has forbidden any jokes about Hitler.

For the Christmas season there is to be a pantomime "Cinderella," at the Coliseum with everything that the producer Mr. Francis Laidler knows how to put into it—and he has already produced 151 pantos and is producing four others at Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield and Bristol besides the London one. I suppose that as soon as one pantomime leaves off, he begins to plan the next year's.

Trade in Sanwiches

A very popular feature born of war conditions is the cheap lunch-time concerts first tried at the National Gallery, and since imitated at St. Margaret's Westminster, St. Michael's Cornhill and elsewhere. A brisk trade is done at the doors in ham sandwiches and sausage-rolls. Entrance costs a shilling at most, and you have to hustle for a seat.

The Queen, with the Duchess of Gloucester, went to the National Gallery concert the day before yesterday to hear the Tudor singers, who specialize in the part songs of the Tudor days. Some of these were specially written for the praise of another Queen Elizabeth, but they were not given on this occasion perhaps because the modern Elizabeth slipped quietly into her place with very little fuss and, I believe, no preliminary warning. Oriana did not move about like that.

Spider Webs

Two interesting literary recollections are brought back by news of the week. One is a description of how spider's webs are used in telescopes and other scientific instruments for cross-lines to give an exact centre, or to plot out the field of vision into a series of squares. There is an instrument which engraves the lines on a lens, but the spider's web is largely favoured and there is nothing in nature or art to equal it for toughness combined with fineness.

Now if you have read Maria Edgeworths' "Frank" (more people have than might be suspected, though it was written well over a century ago), you will remember how he gets into trouble for sweeping away the spider's threads from the engineer's telescope. Until the accounts of what is now being done, I had never heard (though that of course is my ignorance) of the same system still being used.

The other item of news which has caused real excitement is the suggestion, from the Food Minister, that if bacon runs short, mutton can be cured to make excellent rashers. Hence the new word instantly telescoped form mutton-bacon into "macon."

In Stevenson's "Kidnapped" when Alan Breck and Robin Oig Macgregor are having their great contest on the pipes, the goodwife of the house presses them to partake of her Atholl bross and mutton ham. No doubt Scottish readers know it well. Numbers of correspondents are now writing to the papers to describe wonderful mutton-hams and mutton-rashers they have eaten. The recipes for curing seem mostly to begin with salt-petre, which rather reminds one of the White Knight's pudding: "It began with blotting paper." But by all accounts, as Tom Brown said of young rook pie (or was it East?)" it is very pretty eating.

More and More Football

More and more football matches are being played "and what for now?" Whether we are called up, or waiting to be called up, or engaged in munition-making, ship-building or some humbler task, can we make ourselves any worthier of winning the war by moping about in spare hours? A less agreeable side of football, however, is the desperate efforts of the football pool promoters to renew their plundering.

The Post-Master General, who last year had to engage a special staff to handle the coupons and sell the postal orders, told the pool people bluntly that he could not spare the necessary labour for such work in war time.

So the pool promoters have banded together to work their system through newspaper advertisements. These do not seem to have been very successful. So now the promoters are using house-to-house canvassers. One cannot wish them luck. They were moderately estimated to have a turn-over of £40,000,000 a year; they rendered no public account and paid no taxes. Without expressing an opinion on the morality of gambling, shopkeepers all over the country were unanimous as to the effect of the pools on their business, and social workers, whom I know, would put it far darker colours. The football pools are a social evil which ought to be stopped.

That the restrictions necessarily put on professional football by the war are a good thing is agreed by all real lovers of the game. Competition between clubs had developed to the maddest extravagance. Five-figure cheques were scattered broadcast for the purchase of star players. The "Daily Herald" (which certainly would not wish to "crab" the "poor man's sport") says today:—

All over the country are piled up the debts of football clubs—sums which add up to a truly staggering total.

To give just one example, Derby County have been forced to close down for "the duration" saddled with an overdraft of £30,000, and that is by no means the biggest overdraft in football.

The football played at present is not, one gathers, very good stuff, the reason being that the stars will not give for a few shillings what used to earn them hundreds of pounds. Bye-and-bye no doubt it will occur to some club to work up a good team out of purely local talent (as many years ago Southampton was worked up out of the old St. Mary's football club). That will make for the elimination of the five-figure imported professional and for football once more as a real sport.

Kashing Conditions Much Better

Guerillas Hinder Easy Transport of Rice

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Kashing, Dec. 18.

This city has been in "occupied territory" since November 17, 1937. The downfall began with bombing, shelling, evacuation, capture, burning wrecking and looting. The upturn started with an emergency committee co-operating with invaders merging into a provisional government With debris removed and streets widened, old shop fronts were replaced and new ones built in the vacant spaces. People swarm the streets during morning market hours, fewer seen in the afternoons and almost none after nightfall.

Shop goods are nearly all displayed at the front and empty shelves are behind. Of articles for sale the quantity is usually Chinese, Japanese, German, British and American, the prices in the inverse order. In trading, coins of any sort are seldom seen, but paper money of about one dozen Chinese banks is current.

The rice crop was good, but guerillas prevent farmers from bringing in any large quantities. The price is fixed at $23.60 per picul when supplies can be obtained. In towns and cities a few miles away the price goes up to $30 and $35 with buyers limited to a few pounds each. The fuel problem is worse—No coal for sale, only coal dust for briquets and firewood at four times the usual price. The lumber yards have sold out their supplies, none coming in except at rare intervals and coffin-makers who can no longer get new timber, must use old wood from wrecked buildings.

Food and medical relief have reached more than 5,000 families under the direction of the American Advisory Committee. Bitter cold multiplies the misery of hungry people. Cases of famine symptoms-puffed cheeks and hands—were noted here today. Over 90 per cent. of the clinic and hospital patients evidence malnutrition.

Japanese Want Fishery Pact Speeded Up

Tokyo, Dec. 22.

The Foreign Minister, Admiral K. Nomura, asked M. Constantine Smetanin, Russian Ambassador to Tokyo, to speed up Russo-Japanese negotiations for a new fishery pact, when the latter called on him yesterday.

M. Smetanin told the Foreign Minister he had not received instructions from Moscow which would allow him to speed up the negotiations.—United Press.

Strategic Advance In Kwangsi

Despite Courageous Defence Japanese Occupy Several Mountain Positions

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Somewhere in Kwangsi, Dec. 12.

Since Nanning fell into the hands of the Japanese on November 24 severe fighting has continued throughout that entire area. Leaving a detachment of troops at Nanning, whose numbers were augmented daily by the arrival of reinforcements from the south, the main Japanese army divided into four groups and passed on into the interior.

The left wing travelled westward, meeting little resistance, and captured Feoshih, ten miles from Nanning and the only important point east of the Right River. The right wing pressed eastward along the north bank of the Wat River and occupied a few unimportant market towns and villages. Later Wingshuen fell into their hands.

The bulk of the army, however, drove northward along the Nanning-Moming highway and north-eastward along the motor road connecting Nanning with Liuchow. Both armies met with considerable success. Aided by aeroplanes and heavy artillery the north route army pressed forward over a highway that is easily defended.

The boundary line between the Nanning and Moming prefectures is one vast mountain region. High mountain peaks rise up on every side. Towering giants whose cloud-clad summits pierce the blue above stand erect like silent sentinals guarding the pathways that lead into the interior. Prominent among these are White Mountain, Stool Mountain, Chienhsiu Mountain, Armour Mountain and a score of other peaks which form a veritable Maginot Line—a natural barrier that could not be penetrated easily.

Strategic Position Occupied

The highest of these massive peaks is Kaofung over which the highway leading northward passes. For miles the motor road which leads to the mountain pass is high up on the mountain side and follows a narrow winding ravine overlooked by towering mountain peaks which offered impregnable defence positions. The advancing forces progressed until they reached the summit of Kaofung mountain where the highway crosses over the level plains beyond. Mountain top positions were prepared against attack; trenches wound in and out among the mountain peaks like angry dragons stirring for a fight; machinegun nests were concealed at strategic points and the positions were ably manned by loyal troops who fought valiantly, but their advance positions were pounded from the air until they were forced to withdraw and the strategic mountain top positions fell into the hands of the Japanese.

Japanese Advance

Meanwhile severe fighting was taking place along the Nanning-Pingyang highway. Chinese troops, ably led and fighting desperately, grimly contested every mile of the corpse-strewn way. Time and again the Chinese troops retreated, consolidated their positions and then made a courageous counter-attack. These brave men advanced under a withering fire from Japanese guns until their ranks were so disseminated that they could hold out no longer and were forced to retire, leaving hundreds of their comrades dead upon the field.

Both sides lost heavily in these encounters. Slowly the Japanese columns advanced and one after another of Szetang, Wutang, Luhtang and Tsitang fell into their hands. At Patang a more determined resistance was encountered. There were attacks and counter attacks, charges and counter-charges. Intermittantly both sides advanced and retreated until finally this market town also fell into the hands of the invading forces.

During the following day or two war continued to rage in all its fury until the fields and hillsides were littered with the dead and dying. At one time it was reported that the Chinese had gained control of the town, but a further authentic message from the front states the Chinese troops had been outf-manœuvred. By making a detour the Japanese troops circumnavigated Patang and marching over mountain pathways succeeded in capturing Kuen-Lung-Kwan, an important centre on the Nanning-Pingyang highway some ten odd miles further east.

Russian tanks which were used so successfully in Hunan during the fighting round Changsha six weeks ago are now being brought to the Nanning-Pingyang front and may prove a decisive factor in the conflict that is now raging furiously all along that line.

Chinese National Notes Sent to Shanghai

Purchase of Munitions Also Affects Exchange

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Hongkong, Dec. 20.

The export of over $12,000,00 in Chinese government banknotes from Hongkong to Shanghai was responsible for the recent drop of the National dollar from 35 cents to 29 cents local currency. Another reason is the purchase of considerable foreign exchange for the payment of arms from Europe and the United States. It is learned that the Chungking Government paid one-fourth of the price for goods supplied, but large sums of money are required owing to the heavy purchases.

It was learned that the new orders consisted mostly of shells for the 75 mm. field guns captured from the Japanese in the heavy fighting in north Hunan in early October. The guns are in good condition and are products of leading European arms works, it is said.

Many Chinese in Hongkong are affected by the depreciation of the Chungking dollar, some being refugees from the interior who depend on Chinese currency as a means of subsistence. Officials in the employ of the Chungking Government remain happy, as their salaries are rated about 90 cents H.K. for one Chinese dollar.

Owing to unexpected Chinese attacks, Japanese troops in Kuangtung will be sent to the north, leaving some troops and the air force to deal with Chinese forces in the different sectors of the North River, East River and West River. Because of this transfer, the Japanese thrust along the Canton-Hankow Railway north of Canton and along the North River has relaxed.

The Japanese in Canton, however, are reported to be continuing their drive to the north and west in order not to show their weakness in the Kuangtung front. These thrusts are made by mercenary units and forces from Formosa and Korea, while Japanese bombers keep on raiding the towns along the Canton-Kowloon Railway to show that the advance is not relaxed.

Commercial circles here are much disappointed by the closing of the Pearl River, as it was announced only a short while ago that there would be three sailings to Canton every week, one by the British steamer Fatshan and two by Japanese vessels. British and American nationals who expected friends from Canton to visit them over Christmas and the New Year Day have been informed that they could not come. Even foreign gunboats can not use the river at present. No trouble is expected in Canton in the near future.

Ambush Laid for Missionaries

Norwegian Party Beset by Bandits on Tibet Border; Two Chinese Wounded

BY TIBETAN

Tachienlu, Nov. 7.

On October 31 Messrs. Alfsen and Westborg after a very strenuous journey from Batang arrived in Tachienlu. Their original plan in leaving Batang was to proceed to Derge and Kanze and discover the prospects for mission work along the frontier. They had not travelled very far along the north road when they and their armed escort walked rights into the hands of Tibetan brigands. There was no doubt about the ambush laid for these Norwegian missionaries as there was ample evidence.

Entering a somewhat narrow defile shots rang out on all sides and two Chinese fell to the ground. Some shots passed through Mr. Alfsen's heavy coat but fortunately none touched his body. The Chinese soldiers returned the fire but no one could see where the bandits were hiding. As the firing ceased the two Norwegians gathered up their belongings and returned with the wounded to Batang. The bullet wounds of the two Chinese were somewhat serious and needed more attention than could be given on the road.

With very little time lost the party returned to Batang and remained there for two or three weeks. A fresh start was made, this time in the direction of Tachienlu. The Batang military governor allowed them to use the ulag system and give them another escort. Over the famous Dzongbenla, covered with snow, the party reached safer ground as it came onto the great Litang plains. Litang's greatest claim, however, to notoriety is the dual nature of its lama population. The Litang lamas have accomplished the difficult feat of praying and robbing at one and the same time and practically every lama carries his rifle and his prayer-wheel. Why not? He is always in danger of being robbed himself by other Litang lamas.

The two Norwegians intend, once permission has been granted, to travel along the north Lhasa road and make a survey of Rombatsa, known from Rockhill's description as the garden of eastern Tibet. Should permission be obtained they will probably settle in this district and work out from Rombatsa.

Batang has now become a cul de sac with practically no trade and very few Tibetans coming and going. Should the two men be able to settle on the great north road they will meet Tibetans from every part of lamaland.

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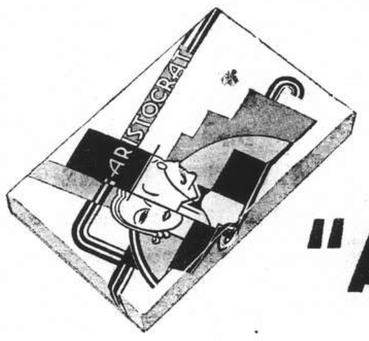

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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LABOUR AND THE WAR

BY ARTHUR GREENWOOD, M.P.

War! This most hated word in the English language is now constantly on our lips. It shows what a change has taken place in our lives. Families have been separated, large numbers of people have left civil work for service with the fighting forces. Others have been switched over to new work, or have undertaken onercus tasks in addition to their daily work. All this shows that we are at war. It gives some idea of what we must be prepared to meet in the coming days. It is true that German bombs have not yet fallen on British soil. But the sinews of Britain are taut for attack or defence, and will not slacken, however great the strain she has to bear.

It is idle to pretend that the lives of men in the fighting services are not in great peril. It is equally idle to suppose that our civilian population—men, women and children—may not have to face indescribable terrors. Why are we suffering this? Why have we been driven to take a stand which has brought us into war?

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The answer is a simple one. The Labour Movement—industrial and political—believes in freedom. We have had our struggles about fundamental things. Sometimes we have won; sometimes we have not. What Labour has won it will keep. What is has not yet won it will strive to win in the future. Labour wants nothing which it is not prepared to defend. It does not ask for favours. It takes its setbacks with fortitude. But it never surrenders its goal. The struggle which we are now waging raises, for final settlement, this very principle. We cannot fight our own battles at home so that right shall prevail, unless the workers abroad can do the same thing. To put it another way: every weapon taken away from the workers abroad imperils the happiness of the workers in this country. Unfortunately, in Germany and later in Austria, and Czechoslovakia —elementary human rights have been destroyed. Today our own have been challenged. That is why British Labour has taken a stand, from which it will never retreat, against oppression and tyranny. The Labour Movement is peaceful. It hates war. It knows that the masses everywhere suffer when war deluges the world. But it knows also that the most precious human possession is freedom. It is the foundation of the new order of society for which we have worked and lived and for which men may die in the hour when fundamental human claims are challenged. The war which has been forced upon us is a war which we cannot shirk. We must face it—and win it—so that what Labour has gained in the past shall not be forfeited, and so that what we may build upon past victories shall not vanish before the storms of war and the floods of tyranny.

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Organized Labour has translated all this into statements of practical policy which have been repeatedly endorsed by the Labour Party Conferences and the Trades Union Congress. By those statements we must stand, or sacrifice everything. The Parliamentary Labour Party has done its best in the House of Commons to keep faith with the movement. It never wavered. When attempts were made to buy peace at Munich, we denounced them because we knew that real peace cannot be bought by other peoples' sacrifices. Since then the Party in the House has been vigilant to protect Labour's freedom. We stood firm because we knew we had come to a "show down." The blow fell. There were no jitters in the Labour Movement. The Parliamentary Party reflected the steadiness of the movement.

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When, the House of Commons met and learnt that Britain was at war with Hitlerism it became clear that the nation was united in this purpose. The Labour Party has not sacrificed its independence. It retains its integrity. It keeps unimpaired its freedom of expression. But it is determined, now that the challenge has come, to stand by a cause. It does not surrender itself or its freedom of action to the Government. It puts its whole weight behind the cause of freedom, which is vital to Labour's future. Since war was declared, we have, in the House of Commons, done everything we could to make clear our own aims and to ensure the efficient prosecution of the war.

Certain things have been made clear on the floor of the House of Commons. In the first place, this war is a war with one simple objective—the final destruction of Hitlerism. There can be no peace until the spirit of tyranny is subjugated. Secondly, we have made it clear that for the speedy and victorious end of the war, national organization is imperative. The Party has demanded that the key industries of the country must be efficiently organized under complete public control. Thirdly, there must not be any exploitation by private interests of the war situation. Profiteering, whether on a large or a small scale, must be banned. Fourthly, Labour will co-operate whole-heartedly and give full service, but we insist that the foregoing conditions are fulfilled, and the Trade Union Movement must be given its proper status as an integral part of a general system of industrial control. Other issues have been raised, but all of them fall within the ambit of our broad principles.

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There is a keen desire among all Labour members to make their fullest contribution to our national aims. They are mindful of the human issues involved in the struggle in which we are now engaged. They realize the problems arising from enrolment in the fighting services, from evacuation and the break-up of family life, and from hardships which inevitably arise where a nation changes from a peace footing to a war footing. The Parliamentary Party is in fine fettle. It is asserting its rightful place as the alternative Government. It is not descending to captious criticism, but it is ever watchful of the national interest. It is working in complete accord with the National Executive and with the Trades Union Movement. It regards itself as the spearhead of industrial and political Labour in Parliament. It will continue, honestly and fearlessly, to reflect the tone and temper of the Labour Movement.

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The war has but begun. Stern times lie ahead of us. Suffering there is bound to be. But victory will be ours, and with the downfall of dictatorship abroad will come the opportunity of our people here and in other lands to tread the path to real freedom and prosperity. We look forward to that day.

Wisdom from the Weeklies

Air-raid Warning The New Pepys writes in "Truth":—abt ½ after 3 this morning was awakened by wife, she digging me with her elbow and crying out, "Hark Sam! Air-raid warning! Didn't I tell 'ee so?" And sure enough here was the sound of a waily siren clearly audible in the still of the night. Whereby I upp and into my dressing-gown and slippers, she likewise, and out upon the landing where were Cook and Brenda in a dithery quake of terrour. Soe adown the stairs all of us to my study, being the preconcerted haven of refuge in such an event; and the 3 women did huddle together under the great table, while I did fence it round with chairs turned sideways for protectioun against bomb-splinters, the waily siren still continuing. Whereat, to wit its overprolonged continuance, I did begin to feel perplext, then doubtfull whether it shd be an air-raid siren after all. Soe torch in hand, I to investigate and presently ran the siren to earth in the cold-water tapp of the scullery sink. Which hadn't been firmly turned-off, and by reasoun, I suppoase, of the encreased pressure of water in the idle hrs of the night, was emitting the waily sound that had caused all this needless to-do. Soe back to bedd all of us, looking pretty sheepish, and the 1st thing I did this morning after breaking fast was to foan for a water coy's man to the curst tapp without delay.

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Lightweight Motorcycles Motorists are beginning to realize that as in 1914-1918 there is no guarantee and perhaps no probability that petrol rations will long remain available for persons who are not directly engaged upon military or defence service, intimates the "New Statesman and Nation." If petrol becomes scarce a monthly issue of two gallons will, of course, always be granted more readily than one of ten gallons. In other words, individuals will stand more chance of a ticket for motorcycle supplies than for motor car supplies. To the rural dweller, any issue is better than none, when the railway station is distant, and motor bus services are suspended or curtailed. The average citizen is prejudiced against motorcycles, but if he analyzes his prejudice he will find that its grounds are not particularly substanial, and relate principally to the reckless use of motorcycles by harum-scarum youngsters, to the noise generated by semi-racing machines, and to the weight or starting exertions associated with high-powered machines. He should thus face the problem of his personal war transport with the recollection that it is not necessary to drive a motorcycle fast; and that many excellent motorcycles weigh very little, emit no objectionable degree of noise and are childishly easy to start.

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War Against Oppression The New Pepys writes in "Truth":—to morning church my wife and I, where Mr. Blick made a good sensible sermoun on our duty as Xtians to fight valiantly in the war against cruelty, injustice and oppressioun, as this present war unquestionably be. The more soe that we are battling for the just rights of other smaller and weaker nations than ourselves who without our meeting force by force would lie at the mercy of the juggernaut; nay, 2 of them allready overun thereby. Moreover, as to the wrongfulnesse of taking human life in any circumstances, which some do conscientiously maintain, this, said he, be doubtless a good rule for general observance, but like all rules, even the best, it be oapen to exceptive instances. So told us of a Quaker lady once he knew with whom he did debate this very matter. And her reply was she would infinitely liefer be herself shott by a burglar than herself shoot him. Whereupon Blick to press her home with the questioun, Ay, but suppose the burglar's gun were pointed at your son (on whom she doated) and you had a gun in your hand with which you cd shoot the intending murderer first, wd you not use it? To which she answered that she shd never have a gun in her hand. So the case cd not arise. And under cover of that evasioun she departed from him. And thus it be, said Blick, with a-many good pious folk, when their overscrupulous principles tell them one thing, but their proper natural instincts another. Yet rather 'than allow those principles to be ever unexceptionable, they will always contrive to slip out of their dilemma in argument by some irrelevant side-track and honestly think they have made good their case against you, just as this Quaker lady did. Which methought truly said.

THE WEATHER

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Yesterday	Min. 31.5	Max. 49.6
Same date, 1938	Min. Nil	Max. Nil

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 22nd:—High and steady pressure over China, Korea and Japan. Typhoon to the East of Luzon slowly moving north. Winter monsoon along the China Coast. Fine, cloudy and cold weather.

State on the morning of the 23rd:—Fine, cloudy and cold weather. North-westerly wind. High and steady pressure.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Cloudy, fine and cold weather with strong north-westerly to north-easterly monsoon over Shantung, our regions and the Eastern Sea. Rainy in the south. Typhoon signals: 1st: Approximate position of the centre, at 6 a.m., within 120 miles, latitude 13, longitude 141, direction west-north-west, intensity: unknown. 2nd; Approximate position of the centre, at 2 p.m., within 120 miles, latitude 26, longitude 138, direction north-east, intensity: unknown.—Siccawei Observatory

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Russians Repulsed On Every Front

Invaders of Finland Making Precipitate Retreat in Far North; Extreme Cold Holds Up Attacks; Helsinki Bombed Again

With Finnish General Headquarters in the Field, Dec. 23.

EXCEPT in the far northern regions, the Russian troops have been repulsed on every front and have not gained a kilometre anywhere, it was officially revealed today. At several points, notably north of Lake Ladoga and in the Salla region, the Soviet forces were falling back steadily and being pursued by the Finns.

A clearer and more comprehensive picture of the strategic situation on the entire front is now possible. On the Karelian Isthmus, despite furious and continuous attacks for 16 days, the front has been stabilized at the Mannerheim Line, where the Finns want it, according to a high Finnish army official.

Just north of Lake Ladoga two converging Russian thrusts, designed to meet north of the Lake, were crushed. Two other drives farther north in the Tolvajarvi region have been blocked about 25 miles inside the Finnish frontier. One Red column of troops was completely smashed and was retreating.

Still farther north two smaller Russian thrusts failed to penetrate and have been stalemated. On all sides there has been very little indentation of the Finnish frontier.

Red Advance Halted

Opposite the interior town of Isalmi two other converging Red lines were halted about 12 miles within Finnish territory.

Including these eight separate thrusts between Lake Ladoga and opposite Isalmi, four other attacks were being carried out between the north coast and Petsamo.

A Soviet column which aimed to curve around the Salla district made the most progress in terms of miles but suffered a crushing defeat and was retreating pell mell with the Finns annihilating big sections of the column.

Another Red column, designed to shoot around from the south of the Salla sector, has been blocked.

Thus, the Soviet threat toward the head of the Gulf of Bothnia, which would cut Finland's sole landline with Sweden, has presently been definitely parried.—United Press.

Soviet Forces Said Retreating

Helsinki, Dec. 23.

Harried by the victorious Finns, the Russian armies on two fronts in the north-east continued their retreat yesterday.

Reports from the Norwegian frontier state the Red Army in the Petsamo corridor is retiring rapidly. Roads in the area are said to be littered with abandoned tanks, frozen-up in the intense cold, also arms and ammunition. The cold, it is believed, has caused more casualties than fighting.

The Finnish counter-offensive on the Salla front is declared in authoritative circles here to be a "decided victory." Heroic exploits are reported, including the capture of 47 machine-guns by one detachment. Another unit claims to have annihilated a battalion of 600 men.

A communique states that Soviet attacks in the Karelian Isthmus and along the Taipale River have been repulsed with heavy losses.

About 350 Russian planes are reported to have taken part in the extensive air raids carried out on Thursday.

Finnish anti-aircraft and chaser planes, it is claimed, brought down seven of the raiders, while five others were probably brought down.—Reuter.

Disorderly Russian Retreat

Copenhagen, Dec. 23.

The whole of the Russian forces in the extreme north of Finland, it appears, began their retreat in an orderly manner, but later retired in disordered flight, discarding their arms and equipment on the way.

Red Army units were last night 20 to 30 kilometres from the positions they occupied on Wednesday. They are evidently attempting to return to Kola, on the Murmansk railway, not to Petsamo, at which port most of the Soviet troops landed.—Reuter.

Soviet C.-in-C. Dismissed

London, Dec. 23.

Mr. Stalin has removed General Merejkov of the Leningrad Military District, who has been in charge of the war with Finland, it was reported by the correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" in Moscow early this morning.

"The reason given, this correspondent added, was that he had undertaken

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Cabinet Discusses Aid to Finland

Problem of Effective Assistance Said Fraught With Difficulties

London, Dec. 22.

The delicate question of material aid to Finland and the general problem of Soviet-German threats to all Scandinavian countries were discussed today by the British War Cabinet, it was disclosed this evening. The conclusions reached remained secret, however.

Diplomatic exchanges of views between London, Paris and Scandinavian capitals are going on or are about to take place.

Finnish resistance to date has filled all quarters with admiration and military observers profess themselves astounded by the successes achieved by the Finns, especially in their frequent counter-attacks against heavy odds.

The military correspondent of "The Yorkshire Post," which generally voices the views of Anthony Eden, present Dominions Secretary, wrote today that Finnish General Mannerheim showed "real military genius" in constructing the line of fortifications now named after him.

Despite Finnish heroism and military ability, however, diplomatic quarters voiced the opinion that the Finns will be unable to resist indefinitely against the vastly larger Soviet forces.

The hope was voiced that the neutral northern countries would make a great effort soon to extend wholehearted support to Finland, their bulwark against aggression.

London Circles "Surprised"

Political circles in London today voiced "a bit of surprise" at the fact that the United States to the present has extended mainly moral help to Finland. The sale of 44 warplanes, however, leads them to hope for "better things to come."

Here it is admitted that the problem of effective, open aid to Finland is fraught with difficulties, especially for the neutral Scandinavian nations. All are conscious of the critical importance of stemming the Soviet tide in western Europe, but nevertheless must take diplomatic realities into consideration.

The northern capitals feel that if they extend assistance to Finland now, they themselves will be weakened in the future, when Adolf Hitler or Josef Stalin may turn their eyes on them.

They therefore wish to know whether they can count on help from abroad should they, too, fall under the mailed glove of the dictatorships.

It is this problem of eventual aid to the Scandinavian countries in case of aggression that is preoccupying Allied statesmen.—Havas.

Daladier Urges Aid

Paris, Dec. 23.

"It is not enough to applaud heroism—one must help it" declared M. Educard Daladier, the French Premier, amid cheers, referring to the Finns' resistance to Russian aggression, in a speech in the Chamber of Deputies last night.

"From the beginning the League has uttered condemnations while we have carried out our entire duty in no half-hearted manner, and we shall continue to do it," he went on.

Referring to French casualties, M. Daladier compared the position with 1914. Their casualties up to the end of November 30 were 1,136 Army, 256 Navy, and 42 Air Fodce, while by December, 1914, France had suffered 450,000 killed and had ten departments invaded.

He added that the Government was opposed to premature offensives and piecemeal assaults along the whole frontier. "We are in the first few months of the war" he remarked "and we are conducting it methodically and logically."—Reuter.

Allied Aid Certain

London, Dec. 23.

"There is reason to believe that the Allies have agreed to extend their material assistance to Finland on a considerable scale, since it is not felt that they will thus hamper their own war efforts," declares the "Daily Telegraph's" diplomatic correspondent.

"It is already clear," he adds, "that the Russian forces are equipped with such inferior material that it will not be necessary to send Finland the most up-to-date types of guns, planes and other equipment."—Reuter.

Black Cat Lucky for Rawalpindi Survivor

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 23.

Able Seaman James Alexander Speers, aged 20, of West Hartlepool, never went to sea without taking his black cat with him. A month ago he was reported missing from the Rawalpindi after her battle with a German warship. But his mother, Mrs. Lily Speers, never lost hope that he had been rescued, especially as he had his black cat with him. Today she received a communication from her son saying he was "safe and well in Germany."—Reuter.

Moscow Arrest Finnish Red Government

Stockholm, Dec. 23.

It is rumoured here that the Finnish "Popular Government" recently set up by the Russians in Finland has been dissolved and all its members arrested. Even Otto Kuusinen, the puppet Premier is said to have been shot by his masters.

It is also learned that M. Derevianski, a former Soviet Minister to Helsinki, has been executed for having given his Government erroneous information regarding the strength of the Finns.—Havas.

"N.C.D.N." Photos.

Parties Provide Christmas Fun for the Kiddies

Scores of delighted young folks were entertained at three parties for children in Shanghai yesterday. Top photos show part of the crowd of youngsters who attended the fancy dress party given by the Engineers' Club. The kiddies pictured at the bottom left seemed to be having a grand time listening to the blarney of a comedian at the Police Children's Party. Lower right shows some of the underprivileged children of the Portuguese community, including 23 orphan girls from St. Joseph's Convent, who were entertained at a Christmas tiffin party given by the Associacao das Senhoras Portuguesas at the Clube Lusitano. After the luncheon each child was presented with a hamper and an envelope containing money by Mrs. C. M. da Silva, President of the A.S.P.

Secret Reserve of British Warplanes

Revelations of Great Allies Strength Made In London Pamphlet

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 23.

In addition to the published strength of the Royal Air Force, Britain has a "very large" secret reserve of warplanes, states a pamphlet issued by the Ministry of Information today.

The pamphlet, entitled "Assurance of Victory," gives a very close analysis of every aspect of the struggle, and concludes by saying that the "Allies are in a superior position to Germany."

No precise figures of the strength and production of British aircraft is given, but it is stated that "the fact that we now have at home four times as many first-line planes as in 1934—35, apart from a growing force overseas, does nothing like justice to the remarkable advance made."

The pamphlet says that the Nazis are completely shut off from resources, without which they cannot possibly win a long war.

"To keep their air force going in the 'total' war, the Nazis would need to build over 3,000 planes a month and recruit pilots on the same scale."

Losses Will Tell

"When their first knock-out effort is spent," the pamphlet continues, "many things will tell against them—their heavy losses of bombers, a lack of new pilots and industrial reserves, and a shortage of oil."

"The whole of the German and Rumanian oil production together would not supply half of Germany's wartime needs."

Dealing with the German sea power, the pamphlet declares that there is every reason to believe that the Allies would soon round up the German raiders.

"Even if the enemy throughout the next four years achieved the same rate of sinkings as in the first seven weeks of the war, we should still be left with 70 per cent. of our original tonnage, not counting the tonnage built in the meantime."

After contrasting the positions of Germany and the Allies, the pamphlet concludes: "War will expose the fatal weaknesses of the Nazi structure, and every acute crisis will bring the régime nearer to disaster. The immense staying power of Democracy is the final guarantee of an Allied triumph."—Reuter.

Christmas Message to Canadians

Present Menace to Humanity Foreseen and Combatted

Ottawa, Dec. 23.

The entire aims of the Allies in the present war might be summed up in the timely and timeless phrase: "Peace on earth and the good-will of Christ," Mr. Mackenzie King, Canadian Premier, declared in a Christmas address to the Canadian people.

"We Canadians will always be able to rejoice in the fact that in the pages of our history one can see that it was with great perspicacity that we foresaw the present menace to humanity, and that we responded to the call when the need for us was greatest," Mr. King concluded.—Havas.

World Watching Berchtesgaden Where Hitler Plans New Nazi Bombshell

Allies Fully Prepared for Any Christmas Surprises Designed by Fuehrer; All Ready for Air Raids

London, Dec. 22.

Herr Adolf Hitler's retirement to his Berchtesgaden mountain retreat bodes no good, but the Allies are prepared for anything that he may devise for the holidays, it was declared here today.

Every time the German Fuehrer has gone to his Berchtesgaden villa, sensational disturbances of the peace have followed fast. This time, it was stated, he may be contemplating decisive action against the Allies.

With his prestige badly shattered of late, as Comrade Josef Stalin furthers his own designs to the detriment of Herr Hitler's, the Reichsfuehrer may be planning an offensive on the Western Front or possibly mass air raids over Allied industrial centres, lines of supplies and communication, and possibly even open towns.

Herr Hitler's intentions to date can be made the object only of speculation, it was declared, but whatever he may decide on, he will find his enemies on guard.

The Maginot Line is manned cautiously and will continue so through the holidays. And if Herr Hitler takes it into his mind to launch the mass air attacks that his inspired press so blatantly has propaganized to date, in this, too, he will find carefully planned and executed Allied counter measures, it was stated.—Havas.

British Troops at the Front Prepare for Christmas

Allied Commander Sends Holiday Greetings to Men Of the B.E.F.; Services Send Empire Messages

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

From Reuter's Special Correspondent With the B.E.F. in France, Dec. 23.

CHRISTMAS wherever possible will be a complete holiday for men with the British Expeditionary Force, except for those on guard duties, who will be compensated. Warm barns have been decorated, and Tommy is planning to make France the next best thing to home. Canteens have already supplied nearly 26,000 pounds of pork, 34,000 pounds of turkey, 100,000 pounds of pudding, also immense quantities of fruit and nuts. Individual battalions are also making their own plans. Some have been fattening their own pigs, and each company has supplied its cook with brandy for sauce.

Local entertainments are being arranged, mobile cinema vans are making rounds, and seven professional concert parties are operating in the British zone. Two pantomime productions have been prepared for opening on Boxing Day. Many men able to get leave will go to Paris, where they will find a number of theatres and cabarets in full swing, with such stars as Maurice Chevalier, Josephine Baker and Mistinguett appearing.—Reuter.

Commander's Christmas Greetings

London, Dec. 23.

Christmas greetings were sent today from the French Army to soldiers of the British Empire, by General Gamelin, commander of the Allied Forces in France.

"The festival of Christmas stands for the future" the message says "and our effort in this war is creating the future. That future will be what we all mean it to be, for the courage of our men is unconquerable."

Messages from Services chiefs to men and women of the British Empire are also issued today.

Lord Gort, Chief of the British Expeditionary Forces, states: "Once more within the memory of many of us a British Expeditionary Force is spending Christmas in France, and once again, under the leadership of a great soldier of France, the Allied armies stand united to resist aggression.

"In the year that lies ahead difficulties and dangers will undoubtedly arise, as they have done in wars in the past, but they will be surmounted owing to the close understanding which today exists between the French nation and ourselves and the knowledge that your thoughts are with us at all times, whether the weather be fair or foul."

Admiral Sir Charles Forbes, Home Fleet Commander-in-Chief. says: "There is no easy road to victory, but confident in the assurance of your support I ask you to believe that we who go down to the sea in ships will not fail in our task during the year that lies ahead."

Air Chief Marshal Sir Cyril Newall, Chief of Air Staff, declares in his message: "Times are changed this year but not the spirit of Christmas. Wherever they may be, members of the Royal Air Force are united this Christmas in one aim, and are confident of victory."—Reuter.

R.A.F. Party for Kiddies

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 23.

A feature of the Royal Air Force Christmas festivities in France will be an entertainment for French children, writes Reuter's special correspondent with the R.A.F.

At one station a party will be given in the evening of Christmas Day to 350 children, accompanied by about 150 parents, the local mayor and a couple of schoolmistresses.

Officers and men have contributed to the expenses, which will provide a substantial present for each child from a Christmas tree.—Reuter.

Great Feat by Sub Described

H.M.S. Ursula Dives Under German Destroyers, Sinks Cruiser and Escapes

London, Dec. 23.

How the British submarine Ursula sank a German cruiser of the Koeln class is disclosed now that the submarine has returned to harbour.

On December 14, the Ursula arrived at Heligoland, when a number of German patrol vessels were in sight. Through its periscope, the Ursula sighted a cruiser of the Koeln class at the range of about four miles.

The cruiser was screened by six destroyers but the Ursula immediately opened attack. This was not easy owing to the proximity of German patrol craft. In order to reach firing position, the Ursula had to dive beneath the screen of destroyers.

A propeller was clearly heard overhead. The Ursula's captain snatched a quick look at the cruiser through the periscope and gave the order to fire.

Submarine Shaken

The Ursula was shaken by a tremendous explosion, the first torpedo finding its mark. A few seconds later, there was another great explosion, proving that the second torpedo had also scored. The second explosion appeared to have another super-imposed, indicating one of the cruiser's magazines had exploded.

The force of this second explosion broke most of the Ursula's electric bulbs.

The propellers of the cruiser were heard when the torpedoes were fired. Thereafter, the sounds ceased abruptly and the extraordinary noises of rending metal were heard.

Four destroyers turned toward the submarine and many explosions were heard, but the Ursula avoided the attack. Later, the submarine came to periscope depth to look around.

The Ursula saw the destroyers standing-by the position of the cruiser, apparently searching for survivors. There were no signs of the cruiser.—Reuter.

French Chamber Votes Huge War Credits

Colossal Sum Appropriated For Next Three Months

Paris, Dec. 23.

Enormous credits for national defence were voted by the Chamber of Deputies yesterday for the first three months of 1940. Following are the credits voted in detail:

	Frs.
Finance	37,505,000
War	21,831,973,000
Armaments	13,116,175,000
Navy	5,681,523,974
Air Force	12,592,056,920
Labour	220,175,000
Colonies	810,534,000
Agriculture	35,000,000
Public Works	192,500,000
Merchant Marine	420,000,000

The total credits voted amount to Frs. 54,937,812,897.—Havas.

Vatican and Axis Powers

Copenhagen, Dec. 23.

Intensified political co-operation between Berlin, Rome and the Vatican has taken place in the past few days, according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Berlingske Tidende." He adds that unconfirmed rumours state these efforts have been directed towards arranging an armistice.—Reuter.

Cartoonist Foresees Zipper-Bottomed Ships

New York, Dec. 23.

A biting cartoon directed at the recent epidemic of scuttling among German ships has had all Baltimore laughing this morning.

The cartoon, published in the "Baltimore Sun," portrays the launching of a ship named the Grafselfsinko Columbus Spee II. The "designer" is shown explaining the merits of his ship, saying, "We are designing all new ships with a zipper bottom."

A sailor standing by gives the assurance that it "Can sink itself in three seconds," while another comments "Britain will never recover from this blow."—Havas.

Honours Divided In Air Battle

British and German Planes Engage in Fierce Fight Over Western Front

London, Dec. 23.

A fight between three Royal Air Force fighting planes and four German Messerschmidt aircraft occurred yesterday afternoon near the Maginot Line in Eastern France.

The British aircraft claim to have shot down two of the German planes, but darkness fell before they could be located.

Two British planes, Hurricane fighters, were brought down and the pilots killed.—Reuter.

A Quiet Day

Paris, Dec. 23.

"On the whole a quiet day was passed on the land front," says a military communiqué issued here tonight.

The statement adds there was fairly strong activity in the air on both sides.—Reuter.

German Bomber Downed

London, Dec. 22.

One German bomber definitely was brought down over the Firth of Forth today during the Aerial fight that occurred when R.A.F. pursuit planes encountered raiders and gave battle, it was confirmed tonight.

The attackers were subjected to severe machinegun fire by the speedy pursuit planes, none of which was hit. Eyewitnesses on the scene reported that they actually saw one bomber plunge into the water, its fall marked by a huge column of water spouting skyward.—Havas.

Far East Pilot Killed in Action

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 23.

An Air Ministry casualty list issued today records the names of 40 officers and men killed in action or missing; seven died on active service and one wounded.

Among those killed is Pilot-Officer M.E.G. Mailer, who was born in Malaya.—Reuter.

U.S. Will Not Invoke Ancient Law Against Japanese Ships

One Economic Weapon Which Might Have Been Used After Expiry of Treaty Left on the Shelf

Washington, Dec. 23.

THE United States yesterday waived the use of one possible economic penalty against Japan when it was announced that America would not invoke the 1828 import duty law after the expiration of the Japanese-American trade pact of 1911 in January.

The law of 1828, providing for a ten per cent. import penalty against goods carried in foreign bottoms, was suspended by President Grant in 1872 as far as application against Japan was concerned.

Officials here today announced that the law would remain suspended after the trade treaty of 1911, abrogated five months ago by the United States, expires next month.

The Chief of the U.S. Customs Service, Mr. Basil Harris, instructed Customs officials yesterday regarding the Government's decision. Officials meanwhile declined to comment regarding other possible penalties which might be imposed against Japan after the trade pact of 1911 expires.

Developments Awaited

Meanwhile, State Department officials and most members of Congress declined to comment on Japanese-American relations, apparently awaiting developments after the trade treaty expires and anti-Japanese embargo legislation is introduced in the January session of Congress.

Some officials interviewed pleaded they were ignorant of possible developments in the Far East, while others said they were awaiting developments before committing themselves.

The majority of Congressmen who commented on developments in Japanese-American relations were those already known to be unfriendly toward Japan because of her invasion of China and her attacks on American interests and nationals in China.

Mr. Usher Burdick, Republican Representative of North Dakota, said he believed the United States should not renew the 1911 trade pact with Japan on the grounds that "a peaceful nation can gain nothing from a contract with an aggressor and may lose much."

"At least," he said, "if we refuse to deal with Japan, we won't be contributing to the defeat of other nations. We can not determine Japanese policy or the policy of other nations but we can at least refuse to deal with Japan until her Government conforms to the principle of facilitating relations among nations.

Judge of Good Conduct

"We also have the power to determine when any nation's conduct shall merit our establishing relations with it."

He contended that in the past Japan has interpreted the treaty of 1911 'to suit her own convenience and in complete abrogation of our rights under the agreement."

"We do not have any more assurances," he said, "that the Japanese Government is more likely to keep its agreements after a new treaty is signed than she did under the old treaty."

Meanwhile the Department of Commerce announced that the commercial attaché in Tokyo had reported that sentiment in Japanese business and financial circles continues apprehensive regarding international developments, slipping difficulties in the European war areas, and intensified state control over Japanese economic activities. Consequently, the report said, Japanese stock market prices were moving downward in the week ending December 22.

The decision to keep President Grant's proclamation in operation was not considered here as an important concession to Japan in itself because there still remain many avenues for the imposition of economic penalties against Japan.

More Friendly Approach

Some observers, however, feel that the decision might reflect a trend towards a more friendly approach to outstanding Japanese-American difficulties.

State Department officials and other Government quarters did not share the optimistic viewpoint voiced yesterday by the Japanese Foreign Office spokesman in Tokyo. However, it was believed Japanese-American commerce would continue at the present level until Japan shows herself willing to grant the major American demands.

After the trade treaty expires, the United States will be free to inflict whatever economic reprisals were deemed advisable.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, declined to comment yesterday on the Tokyo conversations.

The Department of Commerce made the announcement yesterday that by virtue of President Grant's proclamation, discriminating tonnage taxes would not be levied against Japan after the expiration of the trade treaty.—United Press.

Prime Minister to Spend X'mas in Country

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 23.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Chamberlain, will spend Christmas in the country, but will remain throughout in close touch with affairs of state.—Wireless through Reuter.

Britain to Protect Fishing Fleet

Measures Put Into Force Over Christmas and New Year; Many Ships Mined

London, Dec. 23.

Plans for the protection of British fishing fleets, the nature of which is not disclosed, are now in preparation and are likely to be put into practice soon, writes Reuter's naval correspondent.

The present time is excellent for making the necessary arrangements, as normally the English fishing fleets remain in port over Christmas and the Scottish fleets enjoy a holiday at the New Year.

Retaliation for destruction of the pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee is considered here to be the principal motive behind German attacks on fishing craft.

Hero's Return

One of the heroes of the air battle over Heligoland Bight on Monday was a 14-stone air-gunner, whose plane accounted for five Messerschmidts. He was shot through the thigh and lost a good deal of blood on the long, bitterly cold flight home.

Both wings of the plane were in tatters and the fuselage riddled with bullet-holes. Despite the damage the machine flew fairly well, but on landing at a lonely East Coast station a tyre burst and the aircraft swung round in a circle.

Pilots and aircraftsmen made a human escalator of their backs to remove the wounded gunner, who was rushed to hospital. He is now reported to be progressing well.—Reuter.

Trawler's Crew Landed

London, Dec. 23.

Fifteen men, members of the crew of the trawler Dromio which sank yesterday evening off the Yorkshire coast following a collision with the Italian ship Valentino, were landed at a port in north-eastern England today.

The fisherman related that last Sunday, while heading for Hull after a fishing trip, they were sighted by some German aeroplanes which dropped a great number of bombs, none of which hit the trawler. Failing in this attempt, the planes then flew very low and proceeded to machine-gun the ship. Again, however, they were unsuccessful, and none of the crew was injured.—Havas.

Tanker Badly Damaged

London, Dec. 22.

Although badly damaged upon striking a mine just off the coast, the 8,000-ton British tanker Osinis was able today to steam into port for repairs. There were no casualties aboard the vessel.—Havas.

Freighter Hits Mine

London, Dec. 23.

The freighter Gryfevale, 4,434 tons, registered in Glasgow, was towed into a port in eastern England today after having been damaged by an explosion at sea, believed to have been due to a mine.

Some of the crew were still on board, while seventeen others were towed into port in a lifeboat. They were sent to hospital upon landing.—Havas.

Norwegian Sailors Missing

Oslo, Dec. 23.

The steamer Rudolf, of Oslo, which left here a few days ago was mined in the North Sea yesterday. The master and seven members of the crew reached Kopervik today in a lifeboat.

Another boat with six men, the remainder of the crew, are reported missing.—Reuter.

London Police Seeking Man with Burnt Hands

Whole Force Mobilized to Defeat I.R.A. Bombers

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 23.

In connection with the bombings of post offices in London and Birmingham yesterday, it is learned that the police are searching for a man with burned hands.

He was seen running away from a Kingsway post office, after a balloon bomb, which he was putting into the letterbox, had exploded.

There is reason to believe that at least four men from the Irish Republican Army came over from Eire recently.

They are reported to have been overheard at a café, boasting about having come to London to "carry on bombings."

Hundreds of policemen have been put on special "I.R.A. duty" all over London, and will be on guard every hour of the day and night while the Christmas mail is being handled.—Reuter.

Lakh of Rupees Donated To Government

London, Dec. 23.

The Maharaja of Kajpipla has offered one lakh of rupees for war purposes, to be paid from January 1940, in twelve monthly instalments.

He expressed the desire that the first instalment be earmarked for cigarettes for troops in France.—Wireless through Reuter.

Captive Briton Tells of Damage Done Graf Spee By Shells in Naval Battle

Many Hits Recorded Despite Violent Zig-zagging Of German Battleship; Escape Efforts Futile

London, Dec. 22.

More details on the December 13 running encounter between the late German pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee and the British cruisers Achilles, Ajax and Exeter, were disclosed today by Captain Dome of the Africa Shell, South African ship, who was one of the late Captain Hans Langdorf's prisoners.

The German vessel, Captain Dome stated, was hit several times during the battle. But he could see nothing since he was shut in below decks. Then a shell pierced the deck not far from him and shattered the steel covering of a hatchway leading on to the upper deck.

The Graf Spee at that time began her flight westward, zig-zagging violently to try and avoid the British pursuers' shells. Captain Dome declared he noticed at the time that the Graf Spee's six-inch guns just above the navigation room were out of action, that the bakery and store-room were shot to pieces.

We could then get some idea of the damage caused by the firing of our comrades on the cruisers," he asserted.—Havas.

Note to Be Published

Washington, Dec. 22.

The Pan-American Note to the belligerents, protesting against violation of the 300-mile American neutrality zone during the Graf Spee battle December 13, will be published either Saturday or Sunday, the State Secretary, Mr. Cordell Hull, announced today.—Havas.

Latest Exchange

The closing Interbank selling rates yesterday were as follows:

Sterling 4 1/16 U.S.$ 7 23/32

London, Dec. 23.

The London Gold and Silver Markets remained closed Today (Saturday).—Reuter.

Nazis Must Win or Go Under

Propaganda Minister Gives Christmas Address to Repatriated Germans

Berlin, Dec. 23.

"Either we resign our great power or we win this war" declared Dr. Josef Goebbels, German Propaganda Minister, addressing a political Christmas party last night at which hundreds of repatriated Germans from Baltic countries and evacuees from the Saar were present.

The German people, he said, would never be separated from their Fuehrer. "Germany will celebrate this Christmas with that profound faith which is always the prerequisite of victory."

Referring to repatriation, Dr. Goebbels said he knew what suffering meant, but hard suffering was inevitable in these times. There was hardly anyone in Germany not suffering hardships and difficulties.

"Germany's very existence is at stake," the Propaganda Minister declared. "If during the first weeks of the war the Allied politicians tried to persuade the world they were against Hitlerism, without wanting to injure the German people, nobody is trying to conceal today that it is their goal to strike at the German home."

Dr. Goebbels also commented: "It is not really important to know who wanted this war—we are at war and this is the all-important fact."—Reuter.

B.W.A. War Work

The following is a statement of receipts and payments of the B.W.A. War Work Fund for November 1939:

Statement of Distribution of Wool for November, 1939:

RECEIPTS

Balance in hand on Oct. 31, 1939	£ 7.1.1.	$27,530.41
Donations		4,870.02
Monthly Subscriptions		3,596.00
Sundries:		
Bridge and Mahjongg Party $309.45		
Sale of Fudge $371.70		
Raffle $28.19		709.34
Transfer from Dollar Account	60.0.0.	
	£67.1.1.	$36,705.77

PAYMENTS

Transfer to Sterling Account £60		$ 2,936.10
Hospital Aid Section: Materials		1,004.60
Knitting Section: Wool	£44.16.7	1,236.83
Balance in hand on Nov. 30, 1939	22. 4.6	31,528.24
	£67. 1.1	$36,705.77

KNITTING SECTION:

Statement of Distribution of Wool for November, 1939:

Double Knitting wool	260 lbs. 8-ozs.
Fingering Wool (4 ply)	160 lbs. 8-ozs.
	421 lbs. —

GARMENTS RECEIVED

467 Scarves
348 Pairs of Socks
39 Pairs of Gloves
68 Pairs of Mittens
73 Pairs of Hospital Stockings
132 Helmets
58 Steel Helmet Caps
14 Body Belts
4 Cardigans
4 Pullovers

1207 Garments

The Undernoted Garments have been donated:

68 Pairs of Socks
50 Scarves
28 Pullovers
18 Pairs of Mittens
19 Pairs Hospital Stockings
5 Hot Water Bag Covers
6 Fawn Scarves
1 Grey Pullover
4 Mixture Pullovers
2 Body Belts
1 Pair Bed Socks
5 Pairs Gloves
2 Knee Caps
9 Pairs Mittens
23 Pairs Grey Socks

In response to an appeal from Sir Percy Noble Commander-in-chief China Station, Hongkong, the following garments were packed and despatched in the Navy Mail Bag for Hongkong on 20th December:

185 Balaclava Helmets
223 Pairs of Socks
251 Scarves
25 Pullovers
105 Pairs Mittens
7 Pairs Wristlets
33 Pairs Gloves
4 Caps
72 Pairs Hospital Socks

RED CROSS SECTION

The work has not been easy this month as few of the ladies have had experience in the making of the garments, patterns of which were received from England. All difficulties have now been overcome and three young girls from the St. Joseph's Institution are making the very fine necessary buttonholes.

The following list gives the work done since the last shipment on November 21st:

Roller Bandages	915
Gauze Dressings	756
Many Tails Bandages	94
T. Bandages	24
Slings	51
Theatre Towels	4
Caps	12
Garments	45
Masks	90
	1991

"BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR IN GERMANY" SECTION

To the total of 137 articles given in the last report on November 9th, the following completed garments now have to be added:

	pairs
Socks	21
Scarves	23
Pullovers	6
Cardigans	3
Bodybelts	7
Balaclava Helmets	7

Many gifts in kind, handkerchiefs, cigarettes, etc. have been donated specifically to this Section.

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Russians Repulsed on Every Front

(Continued from page 9)

a Blitzkrieg without adequate planning and preparation. It was stated that he had been called to the Kremlin two days ago to explain his failure, he concluded.—Havas

Reds Suspending Operations?

London, Dec. 23.

Due to the intense cold and generally adverse weather conditions, the invading Red Army has decided to suspend all military operations in Finland until the spring, according to a reliable report received by the correspondent of the "Daily Express" in Amsterdam.

Neutral military experts in Finland say that the Russians are digging themselves into the positions they already held, and are postponing all further attempts to advance until the weather clears.—Havas.

Helsinki Bombed During Snowstorm

Helsinki, Dec. 22.

Soviet planes, it was reported, dropped 15 bombs on Helsinki today during a violent snowstorm. All the missiles failed to strike any vital point and there were no casualties.

Six other Red bombers attacked a Finnish steamer pulling out of Uneo port. Their missiles, too, fell wide of their mark, dropping harmlessly into the sea.

The Mahti region was bombed yesterday when a Soviet raiding squadron dropped 30 bombs, ten of which fell in a lake, while the rest blew up in fields and woods.

"Bomphlets" Dropped By Finns

Finnish warplanes also were active, but engaged in "bomphlet" rather than bomb throwing. The propaganda leaflets were distributed in the Leningrad region. They informed the Soviet people that the true facts of the Finnish conflict were hidden from them.

Marshal Mannerheim, Commander in Chief of Finnish armed forces, received foreign press correspondents for the first time today and thanked them for aid already given Finland.

He also expressed the hope that they would inform the world at large of the high morale and fighting spirit of his troops.—Havas.

Appeal For More Aid

Helsinki, Dec. 23.

The Commander-in-Chief, Marshal Mannerheim, interviewed by Reuter's special correspondent last night, acknowledged the help Finland had received from abroad.

He expressed the thanks of the Finnish army and urged greater assistance for Finland in her fight for justice and independence.—Reuter.

Soviet Casualties Heavy

Moscow, Dec. 23.

According to foreign reports received here, the Soviet army casualties of the Finnish campaign are estimated at 25,000 killed and 35,000 wounded, ill or deserted.—Reuter.

Russians Announce Losses

Moscow, Dec. 23.

The Soviet High Command issued a special communiqué summarizing the Red Army's campaign in Finland in which Soviet losses thus far were listed as 1,823 killed and 7,000 wounded.

Finnish casualties were estimated at 2,200 killed and 10,000 wounded in all the territory now occupied by the Russians.

The Russians, the communiqué added, have captured 1,300 Finnish soldiers, eighteen officers and 105 non-commissioned officers. The number of Russians captured by the Finns was not given.—United Press.

Blackout Ordered in Leningrad

Moscow, Dec. 23.

The Leningrad authorities have ordered a nightly blackout in an area of 100 kilometres around the city, fearing raids by Finnish aircraft.

Violations of the order will entail prison sentences up to ten years.

The paper "Leningradskaya Pravda" announced today that the owner of a public house in the city was sentenced to serve eight years in prison for refusing to dim his lights and for using violent language to policemen who came to remind him to do so.—Havas.

Wives Now Proved a Luxury

Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 23.

A wife is no longer a useful partner in an economic unit, Dr. Will Durant, noted philosopher and author, said here. She is "almost a luxury." "With industrialization of society, marriage is no longer a unit of economic production," he told a civic group. "A wife today is almost a luxury—a thing of beauty and probably joy for ever."—United Press.

Heroic Naval Deeds Rewarded

Late Comdr. Jolly Given M.B.E.; Mine Destroyers Also Decorated

London, Dec. 23.

Deeds of heroism carried out by officers and men of the Navy are acknowledged by King George VI today in the announcement of a large number of decorations. The awards occupy the whole of the supplement to the "London Gazette" which indicates that further honours, decorations and awards will be contained in the New Year's honours.

Special mention is made of the gallantry of Commander Richard Frank Jolly who was mortally wounded during an attack by German airmen and brought his ship, the destroyer Mohawk, into port.

Commander Jolly died five hours after accomplishing this feat and the award of a Military Medal of the Order of the British Empire will be made postumously.

Recognition also is given of the work of officers who, at the risk of their lives, have been engaged in stripping mines. Many of the awards follow successful action against German submarines.

Orders Given When Wounded

The case of Commander Jolly was of outstanding interest. Though severely wounded in the stomach when his destroyer was attacked by aircraft, he refused to leave the bridge or allow himself to be medically attended, saying: "Leave me—go look after the others."

He continued to direct the Mohawk for the 35-mile passage home, lasting 80 minutes. He was too weak for his orders to be heard, but these were repeated by his wounded navigation officer.

The commander of the British submarine Spearfish, Lt. J. H. Eaden, received the Distinguished Service Cross. The Spearfish was disabled by depth charges and remained at the bottom of the sea while the Germans were trying to locate and destroy her.

She finally rose to the surface, prepared to fight to the death, and found the sea clear. The Spearfish repaired her engines and wireless and summoned destroyers which beat off an air attack and enabled the submarine to reach port. The D.S.O. was awarded Lt.-Commander J. G. D. Ouvry for risky work in dissecting German mines the exact mechanism of which were not known.

Lt.-Commander Ouvry was sent out to the Singapore Naval Base in 1932 for work connected with mine-fields. He returned to England in 1937.—Reuter.

German Ships Ordered Back to Reich

Return of Scuttle, Says New Nazi Command

Paris, Dec. 23.

The German Admiralty has instructed all German merchant steamers at present in neutral ports to try to return to Germany at all costs, according to well-informed quarters here.

Information from neutral ports announces that German vessels are getting ready to leave or have already left despite the enormous risks involved. These ships are loaded with full cargoes.

Naval quarters here express the opinion that when hailed by Allied warships, these vessels will be scuttled by their crews.

When the war broke out more than 500 German merchant vessels were in neutral ports. By December 4, Allied warships had captured 27 of them. By December 20, a further 23 had fallen into Allied hands or had been scuttled by their crews. Out of the 1,800,000 tons represented by the 500 German ships in neutral harbours when the war broke out, 139,000 tons were sunk up till December 20.

Furthermore, by December 20 no less than 870,000 tons of German goods were confiscated by the Allies. These goods were either in German or neutral vessels.—Havas.

Shanghai's Bandits Active

Shanghai's outdoor bandits were actively engaged in their "pig-skinning" activities last night as four hold-ups were perpetrated in less than two hours. At 6.30 p.m. four unarmed Chinese halted a Chinese pedestrian in Wetmore Road, near Yangtszepoo Road, and robbed him of money and jewellery valued at $100. A man and a woman, both Chinese, were robbed of money, clothing and jewellery to a total value of $300 by three men, one of whom was armed with a pistol, in Ferry Road, near Changping Road, at 7.15 p.m. Ferry Road was the scene of a similar crime again an hour later when three men, one of whom was believed to be armed, robbed a Chinese man of $30 worth of property. At 8.20 p.m. three men, one armed with a pistol, held up two women and one man in Chemulpo Road and stripped them of clothing valued at $111. One indoor case was recorded as seven men, one armed with a pistol, entered a country style house in Wayside Road and robbed the place of money and jewellery valued at $100.

Clipper Flights Delayed

Manila, Dec. 23.

The Honolulu Clipper cancelled its flight today because of adverse weather conditions between Manila and Guam, but Pan-American Airways hopes the flying boat will leave at dawn tomorrow for San Francisco.

The China Clipper failed to leave for Hongkong because of mechanical trouble, but was expected to leave this evening and return here tomorrow, hopping off for the United States on Monday.

The Honolulu Clipper is to arrive in San Francisco December 30, local time. The California Clipper is expected here December 26 and the Philippine Clipper January 1.—United Press.

HANS Poulsen, a Dane, aged 102, recently attended the funeral at Toender, South Jutland, of Mathias Soerensen, aged 101, at whose side he fought during the war of 1864.

Australian Broadcast Times Changed

Canberra, Dec. 23.

In order to secure clearer reception, the Australian Broadcasting Commission's daily world broadcast on 25.25 metres (11.88 megacycles) will, as from December 23, be from 10.30 to 11 p.m., Australian Eastern time (8.30 to 9 p.m. Shanghai time), instead of as previously announced.—Reuter.

Japan Offers Prizes for Culture Essay

Tokyo, Dec. 23.

Prizes, one as high as Y.3,000 and a trip to Japan and hotel expenses, will be offered for literary articles on Japanese culture, the Society for International Cultural Relations announced today.

Articles written in Japanese, English, German, Italian, Spanish or Chinese may be submitted in the competition. Articles must not exceed 8,000 words, according to rules of the contest. All entries must be turned in before September 15, 1940.—Domei.

Jews Jailed for Holding Explosives

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Haifa, Dec. 23.

Twenty-eight Jews were sentenced to ten years and six to five years imprisonment today by the Military Court for possessing explosives. Four Jewesses were sentenced to two years imprisonment on similar charges.—Reuter.

U-boat Officer Denies Aid to Ship's Crew

Dutchmen Left to Drift at Sea for Seven Days

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 23.

Details of the sinking of the Dutch vessel Sliedrecht on November 24, show that a U-boat sank the vessel 150 miles from land, in bad weather, without making any provision for the safety of the crew.

The mate, one of the five survivors, in an interview, declared after examining the ship's papers the commander of the German submarine said he would have to sink the tanker, and gave the crew half-hour to abandon ship.

When he was told the Sliedrecht was a central vessel bound for a neutral port, the U-boat commander said he would still have to sink her. Asked to take the crew aboard the submarine and transfer them to another vessel, the commander refused, saying he had no room.

The mate further alleged the crew were warned that if they sent out any distress signals they would be sunk immediately.

The crew took to two open boats, one of which was lost. The survivors subsisted on bread and water in an open boat for seven and a half days before being picked up.—Reuter.

Soviet-Japanese Talks Begin

Moscow, Dec. 23.

A general discussion of Soviet-Japanese commercial relations took place today at a 50-minute interview between Mr. Shigenori Togo, Japanese Ambassador to the Soviet Union, and M. A. I. Mikoyan, Soviet Commissar of Foreign Trade. The interview was the first between the two countries on the subject. Although there was no discussion of concrete questions, an agreement was reached between Mr. Togo and M. Mikoyan on a second meeting, which was expected to be held before the end of the year.—Domei.

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FROM DAY TO DAY

Mr. D. G. E. Middleburg has been appointed Acting Consul-General of the Netherlands in Hongkong.

News has been received that Mr. J. P. Chester Master, having passed his examinations in gunnery and observation, has obtained his commission in the R. A. F.

Postal authorities announce that Head Post Office and all Sub-Post Offices will be closed the whole day on January 1. On January 2 and 3, they will be open at the same hours as on Sundays.

Admission to the Midnight Mass at the Church of Christ the King will be by ticket only. Masses on Christmas morning will begin at six o'clock and will be continuous from then till eleven o'clock.

The Colonial Police Medal has been awarded to Chief Inspector Frederick Edward Evelyn Booker, of the Hongkong Police, and Superintendent Jack Cooper Fitz-Henry, of the Hongkong Fire Brigade, for conspicuous gallantry.

Mr. Thein Maung, former Minister of Commerce and Industry of Burma, arrived at Shanghai at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon aboard the N.Y.K. liner Dalagoa Maru from Japan, and registered at the Astor House Hotel, according to the "Shanghai Mainichi."

"That There Isn't Any Santa Claus," will be proposed on the Foreign "Y" Debating Programme on Thursday, December 28, 1939 at 9 p.m. Mr. Ernest Moy is proposing, and Dr. H. M. Hodgkin is opposing. A good debate is expected. Members of the Association and their friends are invited to attend and participate in the debate.

The Director of Posts announces that postmen are strictly forbidden to solicit gratuities from the public. The public is requested to reject any such demands and to report the matter by letter to the Post Office, giving the number of the postman's uniform. The Postal authorities can thus take disciplinary action against employees at fault.

Mr. Fusanosuke Kuhara, President of the Seiyukai and leader of the orthodox faction of that party, was scheduled to arrive at Shanghai Station at 11.30 a.m. yesterday from Nanking, according to the "Shanghai Mainichi." Mr. Kuhara is accompanied by Mr. Kenkichi Yoshizawa and Mr. Kiroku Oguchi, advisers of his party, added the paper.

There will be a Midnight Celebration of the Holy Communion in the Cathedral this evening, commencing at 11.45. Celebrations on Christmas morning will be at 7 a.m. and at 8 a.m. both in the Cathedral and in the Bubbling Well Chapel. Matins will be sung in the Cathedral at 10.30 a.m., and will be followed by a celebration of the Holy Communion.

The Catholic Hour programme this evening, sponsored by the Shanghai Catholic Radio League, will not be heard at the usual time of half-past seven o'clock, but will be on the air at ten o'clock as part of a special Christmas Eve programme broadcast by Station XMHA. At this time the Rev. Albert O'Hara, S.J., will present a talk on "The Meaning of Christmas."

In connection with the rummage sale which is being held in the Union Church Hall on December 29, the committee of the Limbless Fund in Shanghai would welcome parcels of clothing, toys and articles of any description. Such gifts may be left at the Union Church Hall. The committee would be glad to hear from persons wishing to help on Thursday and Friday afternoon.

Members of the congregation and friends of the Holy Trinity Cathedral have received a special appeal from Bishop Curtis, asking for assistance for his Mission at Christmas time. The Vestry have decided that the collection at Matins on Christmas morning will be given to the Bishop's Fund, to which will be added several generous cheques which have been received by the Dean and duly acknowledged. The collections at the celebrations will go as usual to the Cathedral for general expenses.

"The International Committee for the Organization of European Immigrants in China" has been formed to take over some of the functions of the "International Committee for granting Relief to European Refugees" and to act in concert with the "Committee for the Assistance of European Jewish Refugees in Shanghai." The new "I.C." will be a non-denominational organization. Its principal functions will be the representation of immigrants with the Consular Authorities of Shanghai and the management of the Rehabilitation Fund. It will keep a register of all immigrants and will be in a position to act as an Employment Bureau. It will also continue to manage the Milk Fund and the Emigrants' Thrift Shop. Sir Victor Sassoon has kindly accepted the office of Chairman and Mr. Paul Komor has expressed his willingness to join the Committee as Secretary. The Committee will have the co-operation of Monsieur A. S. Jaspar, Mr. Karl Haas, Mr. J. D. E. Shotter and Mr. C. H. Arkwright.

A repeat of the Christmas Carol Service will take place in the Cathedral this evening at 5 o'clock, (an hour earlier than the usual hour of the Evening Service). The earlier hour has been specially chosen in the hope that parents will bring their children with them to the service. The service has been specially arranged to give the congregation an opportunity to sing the old and well known carols. The full details of the service are as follows:—

Processional Hymn
(Choir and Congregation)
'Once in Royal David's City'
Bidding Prayer.
Carol (Choir and Congregation)
'Good Christian Men, Rejoice.'
Scripture Lesson, Reader: A. Chorister
Carols:
(a) 'Ding Dong! Merrily on High.'
(b) 'Our Lady's Lullaby.'
(c) 'The Saviour's Work.'
Scripture Lesson Reader: A Choirman
Carol (Choir and Congregation)
'Good King Wenceslas.'
Carol .....'Sweet Baby Sleep.'
Carol (Choir and Congregation)
'God Rest You Merry, Gentleman.'
Scripture Lesson.
Reader: A Trustee of the Cathedral.
Carols:
(a) 'Noel.'
(b) 'There was a rosebud bloomed in the snow.'
(c) 'This Day Christ was born.'
Hymn. ..'While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks.'
Organ. .....'Christmas Pastorale.'
Hymn. .....'O Come, All Ye Faithful.'

Argentine-Reich Pact Wrecked

War Makes Barters Treaty Impossible to Carry Out; Orders Going Elsewhere

Buenos Aires, Dec. 23.

Argentina's barter agreement with Germany has been wrecked by the European war, it is admitted in trade circles, and equipment ordered from the Reich for state railways here will be obtained elsewhere, probably in the United States.

The agreement was signed last March and provided for delivery by Germany of 64 Diesel locomotives, 900 freight cars, 40 sleeping cars and a number of tank cars in exchange for 100,000 tons of Argentina wheat, 8,000 tons of wool and a considerable amount of other products. The deal would have involved an exchange of goods worth about $3,640,000 on the part of each country.

Wheat Already Shipped

Argentina has already delivered about one-half its part of the agreement, and the entire 100,000 tons of wheat were shipped to Germany before the outbreak of the war. The Reich had agreed to deliver part of the railway equipment late this year and complete the shipments during 1940 and 1941. The war intervened, however, and with establishment of the Allied blockade and the consequent disappearance from the seas of German merchant ships, officials said that none of the equipment has reached here.

Although the German Government, through her Ambassador, Baron Edmund von Thermann, has assured the Argentine Government that the Reich will fulfill its obligations under the agreement and that the material has already been earmarked in Germany for shipment, there are scant hopes here that it will reach Buenos Aires. As a result steps are being taken to obtain it elsewhere, and the State Railways Administration announced that 200 tank cars, valued at approximately $500,000, had been ordered from an American firm. Ten streamlined Diesel trains of three coaches each and seven Diesel motor coaches were recently ordered from Hungary.

Deliveries Impossible

Even if Germany were able to carry out her part of the agreement, it was pointed out here that Argentina, because of the Allied blockade, could not expect to deliver the rest of her portion. In that case, Germany undoubtedly would ship only one-half the railway equipment to balance Argentine shipments made before the war and this country would still need to obtain the remainder elsewhere.

It was understood other South American republics with barter agreements with Germany have found themselves in the same situation as Argentina. Two cases cited concern Bolivia and Uruguay. The former recently arranged with Germany for development of Bolivian oil fields—operated by the Government since annulment of Standard Oil Company leases—in exchange for oil; while in Uruguay a German firm has been constructing a huge hydro-electric dam on the Rio Negro. Equipment for the dam has been furnished in exchange for Uruguayan products.

Shortly after the start of the war, the German construction company announced that the conflict would not interfere with work on the dam.—United Press.

Huge Ore Vein Discovered

Matsui, Dec. 23.

Large deposits of iron ores have been discovered in Shimane Prefecture by Mr. Goro Matsue, engineer of the branch of the Toa Kogyo Company at Masuda-machi, it was learned here today. The vein, which extends over Tane-mura, Mino-gun, Okami-mura, Sanyo-mura, Kurosawa-mura, and Naka-gun, in Shimane prefecture, is estimated to be 360 metres wide, 900 metres long, and 180 metres deep and to contain 100,000,000 tons of 70 per cent. grade iron ores, the largest deposits in Japan. The Nippon Kohkan Kaisha and the Nippon Chisso Hiryo Kaisha are preparing to develop the mine.—Domei.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

Wedding at British Consulate-General

Mr. Edward Guy Fuller McCann and his bride, Miss Maria S. Nesterenko, pictured after their wedding at the British Consulate-General yesterday.

Shanghai Experiences the Usual Last-Minute Rush

Busy Hordes of Shoppers Throng the Streets as The Hours Speed by Towards Christmas Day

WHETHER it be in London, Paris, New York of Timbuctoo you will always find those "last minute" people. Shanghai has a goodly share of these individuals or at least it appeared so to a casual observer abroad in the city's main shopping centres yesterday. Apparently caught unawares by the suddenness of the approach of Christmas Day—and it is a strange fact that Christmas, although you know the exact date for weeks ahead, seems to burst upon the world as if propelled by some dynamic force—these "last minute" folks were everywhere, searching bargain counters with eagle eyes, staggering under heavy loads of parcels, shop window gazing with an intentness that indicated some forgotten present for some forgotten person, and crowding the buses and trams from one end of the town to the other. In fact, Shanghai yesterday was in the throes of "last minute" fever.

To a casual observer the milling crowds in Nanking Road and elsewhere were not much larger than those seen on any Saturday afternoon in the city. There was a difference about them, however—a difference that was plain to see if one stoppod to watch them as they entered and emerged from any of the large stores or other establishments throughout the town. The difference was on their faces, in the parcels they carried and in the way they gazed at richly decorated shop windows. The reason—it was Christmas time. They were not ordinary Saturday afternoon shoppers. They were Christmas shoppers.

The stores and shops catered for them in admirable style, each vieing with the other in magnificence of window displays. As in previous years the Shanghai shops were a fine sight. Here and there large crowds gazed wistfully at a snow scene—snow is a rarity these days, which perhaps accounted for the wistful look—in which were displayed some beautiful Christmas presents for milady; here a toy train rumbled its way into a model tunnel with groups of toy soldiers and little animals posted as interested spectators. Even more interested were the young children, whose faces, flattened against the plate glass, told of a longing induced by the beautiful shop window scene.

Busy Trams and Buses

Everywhere it was the same. The food shops were heavily laden with Christmas delicacies. The florists custed brightly coloured flowers and introduced green Christmas trees, mistletoe and holly. Decorations were everywhere. "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" blazed forth in coloured lights from the Fourth Marines Club. The "North-China Daily News" building on the Bund was a mass of flashing blue, green, red and yellow lights and green Christmas decorations, including a huge tree, as dusk came to the city. It was indeed Christmas Eve yesterday in Shanghai.

After the Shopkeepers and their assistants, probably the busiest men yesterday were the conductors of buses and trams, all of which were in great demand from early morning until fairly late in the evening. Vehicles, in the French Concession and Settlement, were crowded throughout the day. They carried hordes of shoppers, eager to buy all they could before it was too late. The taxies, too, did a roaring business, and these were to be seen dashing here and there, from one corner of the town to the other.

Everyone was prepared for Christmas. The cabarets and night clubs were eager to welcome their guests with bright decorations and special attractions. The cinemas were ready with their special shows for the Christmas season and the public were just as ready to go to them and to the other entertainment places as the festive spirit made its presence felt everywhere. This was Shanghai yesterday as the last few hours spent themselves before the great day dawned.

Reich Not Recalling Tokyo Envoy

Amsterdam, Dec. 22.

German political quarters today denied foreign reports that Major-General Eugen Ott, German Ambassador to Tokyo, is to be recalled to Berlin, official D.N.B. (German) news agency reported tonight.—Havas.

Mr. Fujio Uchida, former Japanese Consul at Nanking, will leave that city on Wednesday morning for Tokyo according to the "Shanghai Mainichi." Mr. Uchida has been promoted to a position in the Bureau of East Asiatic Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Diet Organization Meetings Held

Japan Political Parties Seek More Power; Diet to Be Opened on Tuesday

Tokyo, Dec. 23.

Members of the Diet held organizational meetings here today preparatory to the opening of the 75th session of the Diet in which the political parties are expected to make an effort to obtain increased participation in governmental affairs.

Routine affairs will be considered today and tomorrow with the Emperor expected to deliver his rescript before the Diet on Tuesday. The Diet then will go into recess until January 20.

The political parties in Japan have been quiescent during the Sino-Japanese hostilities but they are expected to attack the Government's policies in the present Diet session, particularly matters relating to bureaucratic internal administration —United Press.

Organization Completed

Tokyo, Dec. 25.

Organization of the 75th session of the Diet was completed this morning several hours after the House of Peers and the House of Representatives convened. The Diet will be formally opened by the Emperor Tuesday.

The House of Peers convened at 9.05 o'clock this morning and re-elected Count Yorinaga Matsudaira Speaker. After a recess for the selection of sectional chiefs, the Upper Chamber reconvened and heard the Speaker's report on results.

After the House of Peers adjourned until Tuesday, the House of Representatives convened at 11.30 o'clock this morning and elected Mr. Ichimin Tago Vice-Speaker. Mr. Tago is a member of the reformist faction of the Seiyukai Party. His election is subject to Imperial approval. He will succeed Mr. Tsuneo Kanemitsu, who has been appointed Minister of Overseas Affairs.—Domei.

Chinese Boy Abducted Outside Middle School

A Chinese boy named Wong Haizung, aged 9 years, was kidnapped at noon yesterday as he was standing outside the Shanghai Middle School in Foochow Road. Four Chinese abducted the boy, according to a report made by witnesses to the Louza Police Station. It could not be ascertained whether the kidnappers were armed. The victim is a native of Ningpo.

Six Hurt in Lorry Crash

Six Chinese men were injured at the intersection of Ward and Whashing Roads at 9.25 a.m. yesterday when two lorries collided there. All were taken to Yangtszepoo Hospital in a Fire Brigade ambulance. One of the men had suffered concussion of the brain.

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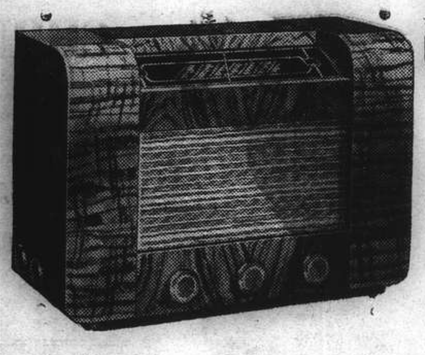

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U.S.-Japanese Trade Will Not Be Interrupted

Envoy in Tokyo Gives General Assurance to Gaimusho; No Definite Commitments Made

Tokyo, Dec. 23.

GENERAL assurances that normal trade between Japan and the United States would be continued for the time being after the expiration of the Japanese-American commercial treaty of 1911 next month were given the Japanese Foreign Minister by the American Ambassador here yesterday, authoritative sources disclosed today.

The American Ambassador, Mr. Joseph Grew, presented neither definite commitments nor any concrete programme, however, during his talk with Admiral K. Nomura, the Japanese Foreign Minister.

Mr. Grew's generalized assurances, it was said, were given in response to Admiral Nomura's request that some indication of America's attitude be given Japan before Christmas.

The Japanese, it was understood, desired these assurances before the Diet convenes and in order to assure Japanese business circles before the lengthy New Year holidays.

No Definite Answer

While conveying the general American attitude to Admiral Nomura, Mr. Grew declined to answer definitely the Foreign Minister's question as to whether the United States intended to make a temporary arrangement with Japan for a new trade pact or would merely withhold discriminatory treatment against Japanese goods, authoritative quarters said.

The Japanese press today gave prominent attention to optimistic reports concerning the Grew-Nomura conference, dividing their space between this story and an account of the Crown Prince's sixth birthday.

The Stock Exchange reacted upward and commentators predicted a greater rise if the definite continuation of the Japanese-American treaty is arranged.

Informed quarters believed the Grew-Nomura talks had cleared the way for more definite negotiations relative to the treaty situation both in Washington and Tokyo.

The Japanese evidently employed Christmas psychology in the current negotiations with the United States, because they emphasized the Christmas spirit throughout. It was recalled the Japanese also utilized this season in 1937 to pay indemnities for the sinking of the American gunboat Panay by Japanese planes near Nanking.

Japanese Reports Conflict

Japanese reports conflicted today regarding the extent of assurances given by Mr. Joseph Grew. The Japanese news agency reported that Mr. Grew told Admiral Nomura that America was "happy" over Japan's announced plan to reopen the Yangtze River on a limited basis below Nanking.

The United States, Mr. Grew was reported to have said, is anxious to respond to this announcement with its own "friendly gesture."

"I can say definitely," Mr. Grew was quoted as having said, "that the American Government will take an early opportunity to ensure that trade relations between Japan and the United States will continue unhindered."

The Tokyo "Asahi," however, reported that Mr. Grew did not give a direct answer to Admiral Nomura's question regarding the method the United States would employ to insure continued trade relations.

The paper said it was believed both nations would waive discriminatory duties and annoyances during detailed conversations seeking a fundamental revision of the Japanese-American commercial treaty.—United Press.

Conference in Washington

Washington Dec. 23.

Japan's sincere efforts to readjust relations with the United States were explained by Mr. Kensuke Horinouchi, Japanese Ambassador, in talks with Mr. Sumner Welles, Assistant Secretary of State, and Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, yesterday afternoon.

Expressing appreciation of Japan's intention, Mr. Hull said questions pending between the two countries should be discussed in Tokyo.

Views were exchanged on the commercial treaty between Japan and the United States.

Mr. Horinouchi was expected to have another interview with Mr. Hull after the Christmas holidays.—Domei.

Report to Emperor

Tokyo, Dec. 23.

Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, Foreign Minister, reported to the Emperor this afternoon at the Palace on efforts to readjust relations with the United States. Results of four interviews with Mr. Joseph Clark Grew, American Ambassador, were also related to the Emperor.

Businessmen Pleased

Gratification was noted in business circles today over optimistic indications said to have been given yesterday by Mr. Joseph Clark Grew, American Ambassador, of continuance of commercial treaty relations between Japan and the United States.

Business quarters were pleased also by a press message from Washington which reported that Customs officials disclosed a proclamation issued by President Ulysses Grant in 1872 might save Japan temporarily from receiving a penalty of 10 per cent. extra duty on goods entering the United States after January 26, when the existing commercial treaty expires.

No official statement was made here today regarding the Washington press message.—Domei.

Japan "Bluffed"

Tokyo, Dec. 23.

Japanese evening papers tonight featured reports on the opening of the Japanese Diet and also gave prominent space to New York dispatches regarding official American instructions against the application of discriminatory tariffs against Japan.

While the tone of the Japanese press regarding the United States improved, the "Kokumin Shimbun," in contrast to general optimism, asserted that Japan gave more than she received. Therefore, the journal claimed, Japan should be dissatisfied over the failure to receive definite treaty commitments.

American diplomacy has outsmarted Japan's since trade discriminations could still be imposed in the event the United States presents further demands relative to Japan's China campaign, the "Kokumin" said.

Although the Japanese Foreign Office has not received official notification of the waiving of trade penalties against Japan by the United States, it was confident that none will be imposed.—United Press.

Air Ministry Discusses Big U.S. Plane Order

New Type 400-Miles an Hour Bombers May be Bought

Santa Monica, California, Dec. 22.

The Douglas aircraft company reveals that discussions have been started with the British Air Ministry about a possible $44,000,000 order for a new type of light attack and bombing aircraft, with a speed of 400 miles an hour.

The machines are an improved model of the "DB 7" bombers which the Douglas company is manufacturing for the French Air Force.—Reuter.

German-Swedish Trade Treaty Concluded

Stockholm, Dec. 23.

The negotiations which took place in Berlin from December 11 to December 22 have resulted in a new commercial treaty between Germany and Sweden, an official communique issued today disclosed.

The treaty provides for: first, the prolongation of the treaty now in effect between the two countries regarding financial transactions between individuals and private societies, and, second, the setting up of conditions regulating Swedish-German trade in 1940.—Havas.

Japanese Goodwill Plane Takes Off for Rome

Tokyo, Dec. 23.

Loaded with presents for Italian officials, the goodwill aeroplane Yamato, of the Japan Airways Company, hopped off for Rome from the Haneda Airport at 6.45 o'clock this morning. It will cover a 14,600-kilometre course.

The plane arrived in Fukuoka at the Gannosu aerodrome at 10.06 o'clock this morning and hopped for Taihoku at 11.09 o'clock in spite of unfavourable weather, after taking on oil.—Domei.

French Admiral Ends British Visit

London, Dec. 22.

After meeting and conferring with the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. Winston Churchill, Admiral Francois Darlan, Commander in Chief of the French Navy, today inspected the naval base and yards at Portsmouth, accompanied by Admiral William James, and then left for France aboard a French destroyer.—Havas.

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Railway Strain in Reich Revealed

Yesterday's Smash Eighth Since November; People Alarmed; Sabotage Hinted

London, Dec. 23.

The tragic train smash yesterday between Berlin and Brandenburg, when two express trains collided, killing 70 and injuring more than 100 persons, is the eighth railway accident in the Reich since the beginning of November, says a special commentary issued here.

It is calculated that 210 persons have now been killed and 257 injured on the German railway system since the war began. This succession of serious accidents emphasizes the important part played by railway stock in the prosecution of war, particularly in the case of a belligerent dependent almost exclusively on land transport.

Even in Great Britain, the commentary goes on, considerable strain is placed on railways in wartime, as shown by the fact that 1,500 special trains left London for evacuation in less than 36 hours. Further, an official statement published today reveals that 5,500 special trains were run on British railways for the conveyance of troops and munitions during the first three months of the war and 50,000 specially-built railway wagons are in service for consignments of exceptional weight and dimensions, such as large guns and armoured plate.

The British railway system is, however, operating smoothly, and to ensure adequate facilities for the future, the Ministry of Supply recently placed a contract for 10,000 covered goods wagons, each 21 tons.

The German railways, as the accidents indicate, are in a less fortunate position owing to much of the track and rolling stock being in an antiquated condition, and to the diminution of personnel and the overtime work of the remaining staff, many of whom are reliably reported to be working an average of more than 12 hours a day.

Further difficulties have been caused by the position of goods wagons, the grave shortage of which is common knowledge in all countries bordering Germany.—Reuter.

Germans Alarmed

Amsterdam, Dec. 23.

Germans who had planned to go away for Christmas have been greatly alarmed by the news of yesterday's railway accident between two express trains at Genthin, south-west of Berlin, it is reported here.

Apparently it has not been considered wise to give news of the crash much publicity in Germany, but it has not been possible to conceal it. The authorities are carrying out a searching inquiry and several arrests are believed to have been made.

The frequency and seriousness of railway accidents in Germany have set people talking about sabotage. It is understood there were a number of munition trains very near the place where the crash occurred yesterday.—Reuter.

Another German Rail Accident

Berne, Dec. 23.

Yet another railroad disaster, this time taking a toll of 30 dead and 40 injured, took place at 9.00 p.m. last night in Germany when two trains collided between the stations of Markdsdorf and Klufdern the official German D.N.B. news agency reported.

The station masters of the two stops have been handed over to the authorities pending an investigation into the disaster.—Havas.

Three Japanese Gunmen Sentenced in Tokyo

Sequel to Attempt on Life Of Aeroplane King

Tokyo, Dec. 23.

Three alleged gunmen who attempted to kill Mr. Chikuhei Nakajima, Japanese "aeroplane king," were given prison sentences yesterday.

The trio, Michiharu Watanabe, Giichi Miuri, and Ujitoshi Konome, were found guilty of having violated the firearms and gunpowder regulation in connection with an attempt to kill Mr. Nakajima, a leader of the reformist faction of the Seiyukai Political Party, while he was returning home in his automobile on the night of October 4. Two bullets struck the fender of his car.

Police learned after rounding up a group of suspects that it was planned to make Mr. Nakajima, who owns a large aeroplane factory, fear his personal safety so that money could be demanded from him.

The money, police said they learned, was to have been used for a political movement. Miuri was a leader of a reactionary group, while Watanabe was member of an anti-British society.—Domei.

Pope to Return Italian Royal Call December 28

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Rome, Dec. 23.

The Pope will proceed to the Quirinal on December 28 to return the visit paid yesterday to the Vatican by the King and Queen.—Reuter.

OBITUARY

Lord Shuttleworth

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 22.

A friend of Gladstone, and a member of the House of Commons under 12 Prime Ministers, Lord Shuttleworth died yesterday. He was 95 years of age.

In the House of Commons he had been Liberal member for Hastings and the Clitheroe Division, N. E. Lancashire. He was appointed Under-Secretary, India Office, in 1886, and the same year became Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. From 1892 till 1895 he was Secretary to the Admiralty.—Reuter.

Violent Earthquake Shakes N.E.I.

Amsterdam, Dec. 22.

A violent earthquake in the Netherlands Indies today caused serious damage at Kakas, where 30 houses were destroyed, and at Lolapan, where 108 houses were levelled and one bridge caved in. There were no casualties.—Havas.

Famous Plane Designer Near Death

New York, Dec. 22.

With no change in his condition during the past 24 hours, Anthony H. G. Fokker, noted Dutch aeroplane constructor and inventor, today lay near death in a local hospital, where he has been confined the past three weeks with serious lung trouble.—Havas.

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Survivors of Soviet Ship Disaster Sent Home

Tokyo, Dec. 23.

With 429 survivors of the ill-fated steamer Indigirka aboard, the Soviet steamer Ilitch will leave Otaru for a Russian port, the Japanese Foreign Office announced today.

Upon the request of the Soviet Government, the 425 passengers and members of the crew will be placed upon the Soviet vessel to be taken to their homelands.—Domei.

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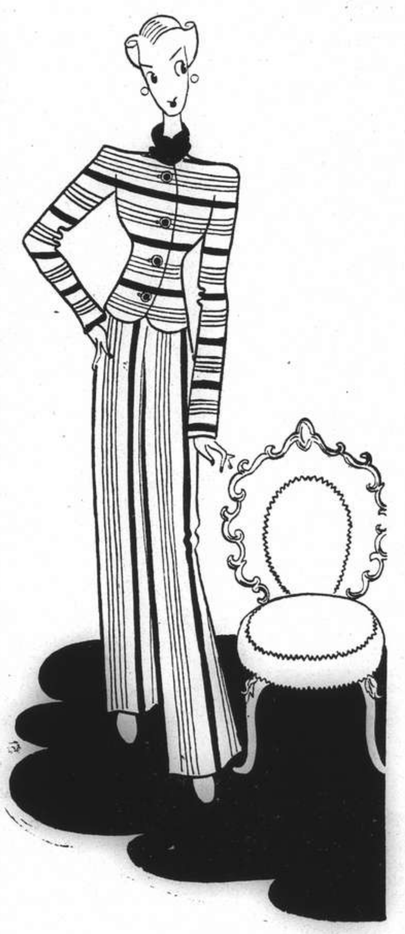

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Japanese Counter-Attack on Kwangsi Fronts

Claim Nanning Never Was in Danger; Frontier Posts of Chinese Destroyed; Many Air Raids

Chungking, Dec. 23.

CHINESE field dispatches from the Nanning front, received here today, reveal that Japanese forces north-west of Nanning are launching a fierce counter-attack on the highway to Pingyang. Fighting is said to be taking place at present approximately 30 miles north-east of Nanning.

Chinese forces which occupied a point on the highway 15 miles north-east of Nanning, according to the Chinese field dispatches, are threatening the rear of the Japanese column holding-out on the highway.

Meanwhile, the first indication that the Chinese Air Force is giving active support to the reported Chinese offensive in the Nanning area is given in a Chinese report from Liuchow, where an aerial battle is said to have taken place yesterday between Chinese and Japanese aircraft.

It is claimed that one Japanese bomber was shot down by Chinese pursuit 'planes when nine Japanese bombers raided Liuchow yesterday. The Japanese bomber is said to have been brought down at Kusin, a village south of Liuchow, following a severe aerial engagement.

Over 30 Japanese bombers, according to the report, twice raided Kweilin, capital of Kwangsi, yesterday. It is reported that they dropped bombs on the south-western suburbs of the city. The raiders are said to have met heavy Chinese anti-aircraft fire.—Reuter.

Border Bases Destroyed

Canton, Dec. 23.

Their mission of destroying Chinese supply bases on the border of Indo-China accomplished, Japanese forces today evacuated the towns of Chennenkwan and Lungchow in Kwangsi, the headquarters of the Japanese Expeditionary Force to South China announced tonight.

Chennankwan, on the Kwangsi-Indo-China frontier, and Lungchow, 50 kilometres north-east of Chennankwan, the communique said, were taken on Thursday evening.

"Large quantities of military supplies furnished by Indo-China to assist Chiang Kai-shek were seized near those two towns," the announcement declared.

The evacuation, which was described as "temporary," was being carried out because the Japanese forces of occupation had achieved their objective of destroying "various supply facilities in that area."

"Should those two towns be restored as supply bases by the enemy or should new supply bases be created, determined measures to destroy them and to cut off the supply at its base will be taken," the communique warned.—Domei.

Aircraft Active Over Wide Area

Japanese naval aircraft spread their wings over Hainan Island in addition to six Chinese provinces in the three-day period of Wednesday to Friday, carrying out bombing and ground attack operations against Chinese guerillas and regulars, a Japanese China Seas Fleet communiqué issued yesterday afternoon revealed.

Two successive bombing attacks were carried out on Thursday against Chinese irregulars showing signs of activity near Laiyang in the central part of Shantung, while on the same day, in Central China, heavy losses were inflicted upon troop concentrations and military establishments at Yaohu and at Hsiangpukwan in Nanchang and Kaoan sectors, the communiqué claimed.

Two fires were caused among various building used for military purposes around the aerodrome at Hengyang in Hunan when a raid was carried out against the Chinese airfield there on Friday, the announcement asserted. On the same day, two successive attacks were carried out in the afternoon against the Chinese base at Tapaowan along the banks of the Han river in Hupeh, it added.

Retreat Said Ordered

Tokyo, Dec. 23.

Gen. Chiang Kai-shek ordered front line commanders to retreat and reorganize their forces following the failure of the "winter offensive," according to field dispatches received here today.

A report from Hankow claimed that Chinese troops had lost 7,300 slain in operations in the Wuhan area from December 12 to 20.—Domei.

Chinese Victories Denied

Nanking, Dec. 23.

Accusing the Chinese command of disseminating false propaganda through foreign news agencies, a Japanese army spokesman here today denied claims of Chinese victories in Kiangsi, Honan and Kwangsi.

Chinese reports of the recapture of Nanchang in Kiangsi, Kaifeng in Honan, and of advances in the Nanning area in Kwangsi, were complete "fabrications," the spokesman asserted.

It was true, he said, that there was a small number of Chinese stragglers in the Nanchang area, but Japanese positions there were so strong it was impossible for the Chinese to recover the town, he claimed.

Attacks on Kaifeng were quickly repulsed, the spokesman stated. Since then the area had been quiet, he added.

As regarded the Nanning area, the best reply to groundless claims, the spokesman said, was the fact that Japanese units counter-attacked the 175th Division and the new 199th Division, which attempted to cut Japanese supply routes at a point north-east of Yamchow, and almost annihilated them near Lukuk, north-east of Yamchow, last Friday.—Domei.

Information Ministry Changes Rumoured

Lord MacMillan May Give Way to Mr. Amery

London, Dec. 22.

With a view to yet more representative participation in the War Cabinet, a minor Governmental reshuffle was held possible today.

Mr. L. S. Amery, Conservative M.P. for Sparkbrook, Birmingham, has been mentioned as a possible successor to Lord MacMillan in the Information Ministry, while the names of Mr. Harold Nicolson, National Labour M.P. for West Leicester, Captain Harold MacMillan, Conservative M.P. for Stockton-on-Tess, and Mr. Roger J. Boothby, Conservative for East Aberdeen and Kincardine, also have been raised for consideration by the Opposition.—Havas.

Lord Mayor's Fund for Wounded Mounts

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 23.

The Lord Mayor's Fund for Sick and Wounded has now reached a total of £896,000, it is announced today.—Reuter.

China Watches Diet Session

Japanese Have Many Big Problems to Decide; Abe Cabinet May Fall

Chungking, Dec. 23.

Chinese circles here are watching with great interest the present session of the Japanese Diet, which opened in Tokyo this morning. Leading Chinese newspapers here carried special articles today on the subject.

The "Central Daily News," official organ of the Chinese Government, declares that the vital issues before the Japanese Diet are how to readjust Japanese American and Japanese-Soviet relations.

"Since their trade treaty with the United States is expiring in a month's time, the Japanese have announced their intention to reopen the Yangtze in two months' time, hoping to induce the United States to renew the treaty," the "Central Daily News" declares.

The paper, however, expresses the opinion that Japanese attempts to readjust relations with the United States and Russia are "bound to fail." In conclusion, it predicts a dark future for the present session of the Diet.

The "Sao Tang Pao," organ of the Chinese army, commenting on the same subject, says: "Despite General Abe's efforts to obtain assistance from political parties and the press, his Cabinet is unlikely to survive."

The paper says the Abe Cabinet will fail because "Japan's difficulties are reaching an unsolvable state."—Reuter.

French Allowed Privileges In U. K. Imports

London, Dec. 22.

Modification of restrictions on imports of certain French goods into Britain will be enforced as from January 1, 1940, particularly in respect of textiles and clothing, the Board of Trade reported today.

The modifications will be instituted, it declared, in conformity with the spirit of the conversations recently held by the French Finance Minister, M. Paul Reynaud, and Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and in keeping with existent close co-operation in all financial and economic spheres.—Havas.

Government Take Over Lord Salisbury's Home

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 23.

Hatfield House, in Hertfordshire, the home of Lord Salisbury has been taken over by the Government and the major portion is being equipped as a military hospital. Lord Salisbury offered the house to the Government when the war started. Hatfield House has been the seat of the Cecil family for more than 300 years.—Reuter.

French-Japanese Trade Talks Commenced

Tokyo, Dec. 23.

Negotiations for revision and renewal of the commercial agreement between Japan and France which expires on December 31 have been started in Paris, it was announced here today.

Mr. Renzo Sawada, Japanese Ambassador to France, and French Government officials are conducting conferences on the proposed renewal and revision of the commercial pact, it was stated.

If the negotiations are successful, it was stated, Japan will be provided with a large silk market in France and would be able to purchase coal and iron from French Indo-China.—Dome.

British Airliner Lost, Six Survivors Rescued

Plane Reported Missing In the Mediterranean

Alexandria, Dec. 23.

Following an intensive search by British warships and other vessels, six survivors of the missing British airliner Egypt were picked up today and are being brought to Malta. A British warship lead the search for the airliner carrying a crew of five and five passengers, which was overdue at Malta and reported missing in the Mediterranean.

The machine left Alexandria yesterday and made the scheduled call at Sollum, about 300 miles west of Alexandria, then took off for Malta. The last message from the plane was received at 10.30 p.m. and the plane was apparently unable to send out distress signals.—Reuter.

British South American Residents Show Loyalty

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 23.

British residents at Rio de Janeiro, like other British communities abroad, are demonstrating their loyalty and enthusiastic support of the cause for which the Empire has taken up arms.

Among other activities, they have already collected £5,000 for the Red Cross Fund.—Wireless through Reuter.

Former Local Consul Gets Gaimusho Post

Tokyo, Dec. 23.

Mr. Akiyoshi Tajiri, Japanese Embassy First Secretary in Shanghai, and Mr. Hidemitsu Kadowaki, Japanese Consul in Peiping, will be appointed Chiefs of the First Section and the Second Section respectively of the Bureau of East Asiatic Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.—Domei.

Warship Deutschland In Harbour

London, Dec. 23.

The pocket-battleship Deutschland has apparently returned to Germany, a report from the "Daily Express" revealed today.

The "Daily Express" stated that "A letter has reached England from one of the crew of the Rawalpindi captured by the German pocket-battleship which sunk his ship, showing that the latter is now docked."—Havas.

Uruguay Rejects German Protest

Montevideo, Dec. 22.

Uruguay has rejected the German protest regarding the time-limit set for the stay of the pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee in Montevideo. Germany had protested against Uruguayan action in setting a 72-hours limit. The note replying to the protest recalls the Hague convention on the subject and refers to the report of Uruguayan experts expressing the view that a period of 72 hours was sufficient time to effect repairs to the warship.—Reuter.

Denmark Sends Naval Attache to London

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 22.

The Danish Government, it is officially announced, has "deemed it opportune in the present circumstances" to appoint naval attachés to their legations in London and Berlin.—Reuter.

OBITUARY

Mr. J. A. Martin

Washington, Dec. 23.

Mr. John A. Martin, Democratic Representative of Colorado, died at the age of 71 today after a short illness at the Naval Hospital. Mr. Martin was a member of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committees.—United Press.

Rationing of Coal, Gas, Suspended in Britain

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 21.

Restrictions on consumers' use of coal, gas and electricity have been suspended, it was announced today.

Since the "ration" was raised to 100 per cent. of last year's consumption, it had been found that substantial economy was being practised by the public, and the Government had decided, therefore, that in present conditions it was not necessary for the restrictions to be retained.—Reuter.

Lord Willingdon to Visit N. Z. Centenary

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 23.

Lord Willingdon will represent the United Kingdom Government during the centennial celebrations of New Zealand next year, it was announced today. He will be accompanied by Lady Willingdon.—Reuter.

Germany Stopping Coal For Belgium

Copenhagen, Dec. 23.

Germany is stopping all deliveries of coal to Belgium as from today in retaliation for Belgium's action in stopping iron ore for Germany, according to the "National Tidende."

The paper says that an open trade conflict, with serious consequences, may be expected between the two countries.—Reuter.

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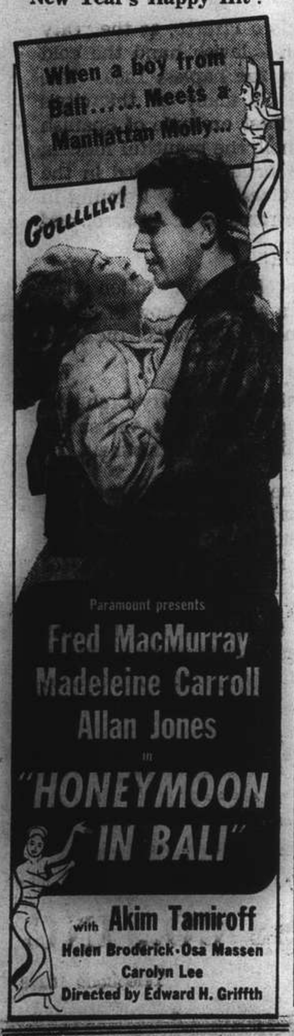

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Current Films

NANKING.—"Rulers of the Sea."—England's famous enactor of Scottish roles in a colourful and thrilling saga of man's conquest of the ocean by steam, with which has been combined a charming love romance with a beautiful new screen heroine. Starring Will Fyffe, Douglas Fairbanks, Jnr., Margaret Lockwood and George Bancroft.

CATHAY.—"Young Mr. Lincoln."—The thrilling, romantic, eventful youth of the Great Emancipator brought to the screen in a drama as whimsical and human as its hero. With Henry Fonda, as Abraham Lincoln; Alice Brady, Marjorie Weaver and Arleen Whelan.

ROXY.—"It's a Wonderful World."—Slick, joyous fun as Claudette Colbert and James Stewart romp through the most delightful touch-and-go romantic adventure since "It Happened One Night."

GRAND.—"Susannah of the Mounties."—Trappers, Mounties and Red Indians in a stirring, action-packed tale of frontier life and savage warfare 50 years ago in Canada's old Northwest. Starring Shirley Temple, with Randolph Scott, Margaret Lockwood, and J. Farrell MacDonald.

METROPOL.—"Everything's on Ice."—Rollicking romance, against a glittering background of ice ballets and Yuletide revels at the height of the season, introduces Irene Dare, beautiful six-year-old rival for Sonja Henie, whose East Side relations are a full length comedy in themselves. With Irene Dare, Roscoe Karns, Edgar Kennedy and Lynne Roberts. Reviewed yesterday.

CAPITOL. — "Each Dawn I Die."—Dynamic action drama tells a gripping prison tale of a newspaper reporter, who is double-crossed by a Big shot. With James Cagney, George Raft, Jane Bryan, George Bancroft and Stanley Ridges.

GOLDEN GATE. — "Four Feathers."—An technicolour production of A.E.W. Mason's stirring tale. With Ralph Richardson, John Clements, C. Aubrey Smith and June Duprez.

RIALTO. — "Sweethearts." — Musical romance, in a delightful technicolour setting! With Jeanette MacDonald, Nelson Eddy, Frank Morgan, Ray Bolger and Florence Rice.

PARIS.—"Union Pacific."—Cecil B. De Mille's greatest screen epic, tells the thrilling and eventful tale of the building of the first trans-continental railway. With Barbara Stanwyck, Joel McCrea, Robert Preston, Akim Tamiroff and Lynne Overman.

ASTOR.—"The Great Waltz." — Starring Luis Rainer, Fernand Gravet, Miliza Korjus, Hugh Herbert and Lionel Atwill.

Films Coming

"Angels with Dirty Faces."—Pulse-pounding excitement in the way of gangster dramas that revolves round a big time racketeer and a bunch of kids who make him their hero until he turns "yellow" on the way to the electric chair. Starring James Cagney, Pat O'Brien, with the "Dead End" Kids, Ann Sheridan, George Bancroft, Joe Downing and Edward Pawley. New Year Attraction at the **GRAND.**

"The Wizard of Oz."—The greatest technicolour show-world miracle since "Snow White." The book that 60 million read. The play 941 cities of America saw. The world's most imaginative adventure—painted with a rainbow—and glorified with spectacle, heart-throb, laughter, beautiful girls and song. Starring Judy Garland with Ray Bolger, Jack Haley, Frank Morgan and Bert Lahr. Coming next to the **ROXY.**

"The Real Glory."—Stirring action drama of love, courage, and the birth of a new and vigorous nation, staged as a lonely American outpost on the edge of the jungle. Starring Gary Cooper, With Andrea Leeds, David Niven, Reginald Owen, Broderick Crawford and Kay Johnson. New Year Attraction at the **NANKING.**

"Honeymoon in Bali."—Glamorous tale staged in New York, Bermuda and Bali, of a big business woman who loses her heart when she least expects to do so, but throws away her chance of happiness to fight for it when she discovers she has a rival. Starring Fred MacMurray, Madeleine Carroll and Allan Jones, with Akim Tamiroff, Helen Broderick, Osa Massen and Carolyn Lee. New Year attraction at the **CATHAY.**

"The Women." — 135 women with nothing on their minds but men as they kiss, coo, scratch and bite to hold a man or snatch a man. With Norma Shearer, Joan Crawford and Rosalind Russell topping one of the most spectacular casts of film celebrities ever gathered together for one motion picture. Coming to the **ROXY.**

"Tower of London."—Colourful and exciting drama of England in the age of Richard Crookback, built around the grim personality of the Public Executioner at the Tower and introducing all the romance and adventure of the most troubled period in English history. Starring Basil Rathbone, with Boris Karloff, Barbara O'Neil, Ian Hunter, Vincent Price, Nan Grey, John Sutton and Leo G. Carroll. Coming to the **NANKING.**

"Broadway Serenade." — A musical cavalcade from songs of the Ray Noblees to hit tunes of today. Starring lovely Jeanette MacDonald in a musical drama packed with glorious songs, romance, glamour and spectacle. With Lew Ayres, Ian Hunter and Frank Morgan. Coming to the **ROXY.**

"First Love."—Cinderella story of an orphan who is taken in by rich relatives and treated very much as a servant until she attracts the attention of the wealthy young man her snooty socialite cousin has set her heart on winning. The loss of a silk slipper at a ball gives the Cinderella touch for a happy ending. Starring Deanna Durbin, with Helen Parrish, Robert Stack, Eugene Pallette, Lewis Howard, Leatrice Joy and June Storey. Coming to the **NANKING.**

"Clouds Over Europe."—Highly polished spy melodrama, telling the sensational story of a fight to gain possession of Britain's air secrets and packed with romance, comedy and thrills. Starring Laurence Olivier, with Ralph Richardson, Valerie Hobson, George Curzon, George Merritt and Gus McNaughton. Coming to the **METROPOL.**

"Housekeeper's Daughter." — Highly hilarious comedy that defies description, save to say that it is crammed with side-splitting gags, bewildering complications and a riotous burlesque of the reporter v. gangster theme. Starring Joan Bennett, Adolphe Menjou, with John Hubbard, William Gargan, George E. Stone, Peggy Wood Donald Meek and Mart Lawrence. Coming to the **METROPOL.**

To Dine and Dance

ARCADIA.—Russian cuisine. Ermoll's orchestra. Floorshow.

BOLERO.—Night Club. Harry Fisher's band.

BEER FOX.—Night club and restaurant. Dinner and dancing every evening. Geza and Gino, Tafet and Schlittner. Floorshow.

CASANOVA.—Gloria Andico's orchestra.

CATHAY HOTEL LOUNGE. — Morning and afternoon tea and cocktails.

CATHAY RESTAURANT. — 8th floor. Luncheon and dinner.

D. D.'s NIGHT CLUB.—Russian and foreign style cuisine. Teddy and Ferry Guzza.

DEL MONTE.—Cabaret. Fockler's band. Violet Varden and floorshow.

EVENTAIL.—Night club with floorshow.

FARREN'S.—Fingérut's orchestra. Lilly Flohr, Cherlotte Ette and Anatoly and Olympia and the Dani Sisters.

GAIETY.—Night club. Bob and his five Bandstars. Russian and foreign cuisine. Floorshow.

HUNGARIA.—Night club. Hungarian gypsy music. Hungarian cuisine.

JESSFIELD CLUB.—Night club with E. Boder and S. Havsky and two guitarists.

MASKEE.—Night club. Jones, Ardatoff, Mike and Kamm.

METROPOLE HOTEL.—Grill and dining rooms for business tiffins and other occasions.

MOULIN ROUGE.—Night club. Larry and Steve.

PALACE HOTEL.—Tea lounge, snack counter and grill room. Dinner dance daily excepting Sundays. Ullstein's orchestra.

PARK HOTEL.—Dancing nightly. Sunday tea dance. Itkis' orchestra. Floorshow.

RENAISSANCE.—Empire night club. Vertinsky.

ROXY.—Night club. Jack, Charlev and James.

Six-"Man" Orchestra at the Hungaria

Led by Stella Szirmay, the Hungaria orchestra boasts of five accordeons and assorted instruments.

FROM SHANGHAI FOOTLIGHTS AND FILMS

"Rulers of the Sea"

That inimitable Scots comedian, Will Fyffe, is the big attraction at the Nanking today, assisted by Douglas Fairbanks, Margaret Lockwood and George Bancroft.

"Susannah of the Mounties"

Shirley Temple still holds forth at the Grand today, crowded houses being the order. She is supported by Randolph Scott, Margaret Lockwood and J. Farrel MacDonald.

"The Wizard of Oz"

This picture which took two years to make, is the next attraction at the Roxy Theatre, including as it does, human actors instead of the usual obnoxious "dummies."

"Everything's on Ice"

One of the best pictures which the Metropol Theatre has shown in months, is the current attraction, which features six-year-old Irene Dare, the diminutive skating star.

"Meet Dr. Christian"

The largest single expense in the picture will be for extras. The thirteen-year record held by "Ben Hur" has been broken, with 2,250 supernumeries getting six days' work and with the biggest set requiring 3,500. The extra bill will total $300,000. The cathedral and adjacent buildings cover five acres at the RKO ranch. It took 300 carpenters and 250 modelers, casters and plasterers eight weeks to build the set at a cost of $250,000.

It is improbable that the Dionne quintuplets will appear in a Hollywood picture for some time. They have shown no inclination to learn English and they have reached an age when the public expects to hear them say something. So Twentieth Century-Fox has abandoned its plans for future offerings with the youngsters, and Jean Hersholt, the amiable counterpart of Dr. Dafoe, is continuing his medical career in "Meet Dr. Christian," a story suggested by the radio serial in which Hersholt has been appearing for more than two years.

Gable, Crawford Starred

One of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's most important forthcoming pictures is entitled at present "Not too Narrow, Not too Deep," based on a novel of the same name by Richard Sale. Following the example of so many pictures in the making, this will probably change its name before it reaches the screen. In it the leading rôles will be played by Clark Gable and Joan Crawford.

In addition to the stars there will be an exceptionally illustrious cast including Peter Lorre, Melvyn Douglas, Paul Lukas, J. Edward Bromberg, Albert Dekker and Eduardo Cianelli. Frank Borzage will be the director and the production will be in the hands of Joseph Mankiewicz.

Christmas in Shanghai

TONIGHT welcomes the Christmas Eve and all in Shanghai are ready for the big day. From the Cathay and Palace on the Bund, to the outskirts of the Settlement, there will be joy and hilarity. Between the Cathay, Palace and Park Hotels and Farren's and the Jessfield Club, near the perimeter, there will be a reign of happiness and "the party will be on." In the French Concession, one will meet Larry and Steve at the Moulin Rouge, then Teddy and Ferry at D.D.'s, and in keeping with the occasion, one should not forget, the Arcadia and Gaiety, Renaissance, Hungaria and Casanova.

Along Yu Yuen Road one may progress from the Paramount and the Maskee, in the latter place Jones, Ardatoff, Mike and Kamm entertaining, to the outlying spots, which include the Bolero, Eventail, Jessfield Club and the Winter Garden, as well as the Roxy.

An item for those who will enjoy themselves tonight—bear in mind the "boys" who have served so well during the past year The price of rice is high, some have four and five children : why not contribute a small bit of joy to them—who will worry about a couple of "bucks?"

"Young Mr. Lincoln"

One of the most interesting pictures to reach a Shanghai screen is this in which Henry Fonda protrays the youthful Lincoln—now at the Cathay.

Helen Gilbert Likes Film Work

Splendid Cellist Now a Cinema Star

"It's amazing," remarked the pretty little blonde, "how one's outlook can change."

A few months ago Helen Gilbert's chief interest was music. A 'cellist of exceptional ability, she was wrapped up in concert work and a studio orchestra.

That was before W. S. Van Dyke, the director, and Freddie Wilcox, MGM's casting chief, glanced round Herbert Stothart's orchestra on a sound stage one day.

What they saw landed Helen in pictures. She still enjoys good music, still thinks it would be nice some day to play in Carnegie Hall.

"But," she says, "I want to be a good actress first."

Helen is a product of Warren, Ohio, daughter of a music publisher She reached Hollywood by way of Philadelphia, where she studied at Curtis institute on a scholarship which her ability won her at the age of 12.

Concerts took her to New York, Boston, Chicago, Minneapolis—finally to Hollywood bowl. Here she stayed, happy in her orchestra work and occasional solo appearances.

"I never gave acting a serious thought," she confesses, "and I mean that. When a test was first suggested the idea terrified me. Finally I consented, and here I am. I'm still not quite sure why."

Work Wins Recognition

Her performances in an Andy Hardy and a Dr. Kildare film won her, in her third appearance, the lead in Winfield Sheehan's "Florian." Naturally, she's pleased, for "Florian" is intended to be a top production in 1940. There's just one rub.

Sheehan's famed Lipizgan stallion, Florian, is featured, and Helen and horses don't get along too well. She frankly admits it's probably not the horses' fault.

"We just don't seem to understand each other," is the way she put it.

Hollywood's favourite tea-table sport —matchmaking—has linked her name with those of Wilcox and Lew Ayres since she obtained a divorce from Mischa Bakaleinokoff, film musical director, November 18.

"It takes a lot of time to fall in love. I'm much too busy now to spare the time. And that's the way it's going to stay."

Looking at her, one has a hunch there are those who will try to change her mind.

"Busman's Honeymoon"

Excellent progress has been made with the production of "Busman's Honeymoon" at the Lyceum, and Mr. Gmehling, producer to the A.D.C., promises an excellent entertainment for the commencement of the New Year.

This intriguing detective comedy centres round Lord Peter Wimsey, amateur detective, who unwittingly finds himself in a situation where a crime has been committed that has baffled the police authorities. Needless to say he is the one who solves the mystery and how he does affords a thrill and much amusement to the audience. It is a delightful play and should not be missed by serious minded play-goers.

Smart Shanghai Entertainers

These boys, Teddy and Ferry Guzza, are the leading attraction (with their smart items) at D.D.'s night club.

Pleasant Programme at Peter Pan School

Many Prizes Given to Pupils

A large gathering of parents and friends enjoyed a well-arranged programme at the conclusion of the autumn term at the Peter Pan School on Friday morning. Pupils of the kindergarten, some only 3 and 4 years old, recited poems in English and sang some nice songs. Piano and violin solos were rendered by some of the pupils and were very much applauded.

One of the most pleasing items on the programme, however, was a number of Hawaiian music rendered by a stringed orchestra of guitars, ukeleles and mandolins. Pupils of the senior classes recited in English French, German and Russian, and another group sang Christmas carols.

After the final item of a solo on an electric guitar, Mrs. T. Hutchison presented the prizes and gave great credit to the teachers for the remarkable work done during the term.

The following is a list of prizes:

Lower Kindergarton: Leo Vincent, Pifi Chu and Percy Zie;
Upper Kindergarten: Alice Ling, George Blumberg, and Katherine Lopato.
Transition: Gert Fink, Willy Jones.
Form I-c: Arthur Kim, Sarah Ling, Ray Shao an.
Form I-c: Arthur Kim, Nancy Zi, Eric de Becker.
Form I-b: Kurt Heftman.
Form I-a: Richard Kim, Sara Ling, Ray Shao and William James.
Form II-b: Marie Antoinette Montilla.
Form II-a: Elenor Chuan.
Form III: Cary Chuan, Nathalie Heyking, Miranda Ma.

Ruth Hussey's Career

An actress with a remarkably strong personality who seems destined for the highest stardom is Ruth Hussey, who has been given an important part in "Northwest Passage." Miss Hussey was discovered by MGM when she was touring with "Dead End" and was given an immediate contract. As the result, she made her film début with Spencer Tracy and Luise Rainer in "Big City."

Since then she has gone from success to success. She appeared in "Rich Man, Poor Girl" with Robert Young, was one of the star cast in "The Women" and was recently teamed with Edward G. Robinson in "Blackmail." In "Northwest Passage" she will play the part of Elizabeth Browne who jilts the young New England artist, Langdon Towne (played by Robert Young), to marry his commanding officer, Major Robert Rogers, (played by Spencer Tracy).

King Vidor will direct and the distinguished cast includes Walter Bronnan, Donald McBride, Isabel Jessell, Lumsden Hare and Frederic Warlock.

A continuation of the popular "Lone Wolf" pictures will be Columbia's "Double In Diamonds," tentative title for a new comedy of adventure, mystery and romance scheduled for early production. Announcing that Warren William will be featured, Columbia further made it known that "Double in Diamonds" is the latest exploit of Michael Lanyard.

Edison's School Built For Cinema

The small school which Thomas Edison attended as a boy at Port Huron, Mich., has been rebuilt for a scene for "Young Tom Edison."

The school room is exactly as it was in Edison's youth, say technicians, even to arrangement of the rough-hewn old desks.

In the same sound-stage building, only a few steps away, is the basement room in which young Edison tinkered with strange electrical devices and toyed with the chemicals with which he frequently blew himself up.

The laboratory has been arranged in accordance with pictures of Edison's "den" and with specifications provided by the inventor's relatives.

To Follow Jean Harlow

One is reminded of Jean Harlow by a statement that "Hell's Angels" is about to be remade. "Hell's Angels" brought Jean Harlow into the public eye, and in it her somewhat exiguous costume astonished not a few amongst the audiences. The picture is said to have cost, from first to last, £800,000 and was the venture of Howard Hughes, a multi-millionaire with a strong interest in film production and direction, combined with a downright passion for aviation.

A large part of the original picture, which consisted of aerial displays, will be retained, but the cast will be new, and there is naturally no small curiosity about Jean Harlow's successor. Again one is reminded of Jean Harlow by the news that Sonja Henie has moved into what was Miss Harlow's home in Hollywood, and that many of the decorations and fittings still bear the initials "J. H."

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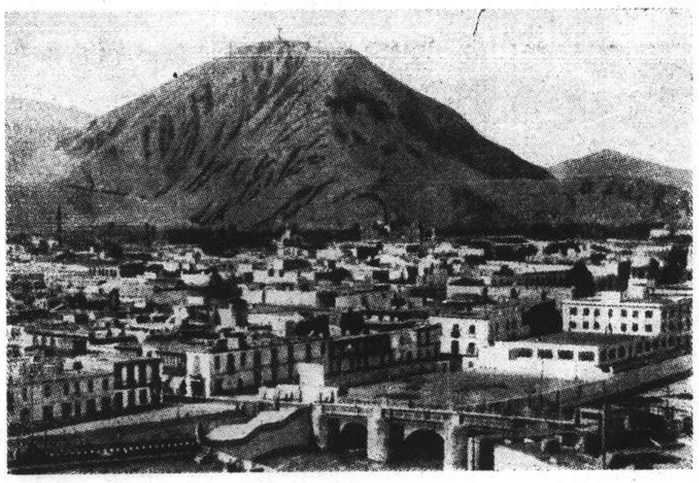

LIMA

LIMA, capital of Peru, was founded in 1535 by Francisco Pizarro, as the "City of the Kings." Upon it the conqueror spent with a lavish hand the gold looted from Cuzco's palaces and the ransom paid by the hapless Inca. The splendor of those fantastic times is reflected to-day in many of the city's buildings, such as the Casa Torre Tagle, perhaps the finest example of Spanish colonial architecture in existence ; the Palace of Perricholi, the beautiful mestiza dancer, whose romance with the viceroy Don Pedro de Amat is recorded in the "Bridge of San Luis Rey ;" University of San Marcos, oldest seat of learning in the Western Hemisphere ; the Cathedral sheltering the remains of Pizarro, and the adjoining Archbishop's Palace.

Other remnants of the past include the House of the Inquisition ; the well of Santa Rosa, the beloved girl who lived 250 years ago, and now is Peru's patron saint ; and the Bolivarian Museum with the finest collection of Inca and pre-Inca relics ever gathered under one roof.

In striking contrast to such sights are the magnificent Country Club and new racetrack, the luxurious Hotel Bolivar, the bull ring and cockpit, the smart restaurants and seaside resorts which reflect the vivid life of modern Lima.

From the capital interesting excursions may be made to Huancayo, a village on the highest standard gauge railway in the world, with one of the most colorful Indian markets on the Continent ; to the luxurious new resort hotel of Villa Los Angeles near Chosica, a sunny mountain resort ; to the ruins of Pachacamac, a city which flourished more than a thousand years ago.

Thoroughly progressive as well as modern, Lima to-day is one of the most beautiful and thriving cities in South America. The hospitality of its people is proverbial, and is the keynote of the many fine, completely up-to-date hostelries which await the visitor from foreign lands.

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Britain Does Not Regard Reports of Construction In America Seriously

London, Dec. 23.

The report that the Naval Sub-Committee of the House of Representatives had asked the American Admiralty to submit estimates for the construction of 65,000-ton battleships, is regarded by British naval experts as "something of a tall story".

The reaction in British naval circles is "by all means have more battleships, but smaller, not larger".

It is pointed out on high authority that this war has proved, more than anything else, the need for smaller battleships.

While advising against building battleships any larger than 40,000 tons, naval circles stress various disadvantages in the design of German pocket-battleships.

"One of the biggest defects of the pocket-battleships is that they are too heavily gunned in proportion to their displacement."

Germany's naval architects, it is stated, have experimented for a long time with cramming many more guns into a given displacement than is practicable, "a practice that has proved by no means successful."

Naval experts regard it as a mistake to have more than three or four gun-turrets, and support this theory by the fact that in the case of the Graf Spee one shell "knocked out the whole outfit."

Cost Prohibitive

Apart from these considerations, the cost of building a 65,000-ton battleship is considered to be almost prohibitive.

The estimated cost of building a British warship is £219 per ton, whereas in America the price goes up to something like £400. To construct a battleship of 80,000 tons in America would cost something like £32,000,000.

The idea that America is contemplating a jump from 40,000 tons to 65,000 or 80,000 tons is regarded as very unlikely.

It is all very well, say the experts, to tell Americans that they should "forget the canal," but this is hardly possible.

When H.M.S. Nelson passed through the Panama Canal, she cleared the sides by a bare 18 inches, and only got through with the greatest difficulty.

"The idea of constructing such colossal warships can hardly be taken seriously" is the opinion prevailing in British naval circles.—Reuter.

Indians Criticize British Statement

Demand for Constituent Assembly Reaffirmed

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Wardha, Dec. 23.

A resolution reaffirming the demand for a constituent assembly and expressing dissatisfaction with the pronouncement of Lord Zetland on December 14 has been passed by the Congress Working Committee. The resolution declared that Great Britain had failed to define her war aims, particularly with regard to India's freedom.

"Congressmen by now have realized that independence cannot be won without hard work," the motion goes on. "Since Congress is pledged to non-violence, the final sanction behind it is civil resistance.

"The Committee hopes that all Congress organizations will prove themselves fit to take up the call when it comes by the prosecution of a constructive programme, including non-violence, communal harmony and economic independence."—Reuter.

Fire Raging on British Freighter

New York, Dec. 22.

Attributed by the captain to sabotage, a fire broke out today aboard the freighter Windrush off Cristobal, a brief wireless message disclosed this evening.

The ship, it was reported last, was making full speed for the Panama Canal port while her crew fought the flames.—Havas.

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"N.C.D.N." Photo.

Wedding at Church of Christ the King

The wedding took place yesterday afternoon at the Church of Christ the King, of Dr. Carlo Andreoli, of Messrs. Fiat S.A., and Miss Helen Dubrei, only daughter of Mrs. Maria Dubrei of Shanghai. The matron of honour was Mrs. E. W. Turnbull and the bridesmaid was Miss Margaret Young. Mr. Ros was best man, the usher being Mr. Pennucci.

WEDDING

Andreoli-Dubrei

The wedding took place yesterday afternoon at the Church of Christ the King, 235 Rue Bourgeat, of Dr. Carlo Andreoli, younger son of Mrs. Marguerita Andreoli Comolli and the late Mr. Guido Andreoli, of Milano, Italy, and Miss Helena Dubrei, only daughter of Mrs. Maria Dubrei of Shanghai. The Rev. Leo F. McGreal, S.J., officiated.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. G. Radicali di Primeglio, wore a dress of white taffeta, made with tight-fitting sleeves, a very wide skirt and a train. The yoke was of hand-made lace and the dress was trimmed with the same lace. A long veil was worn over the bride's face and fastened to the head by a coronet of orange blossoms. She carried a posy of white orchids. The matron of honour was Mrs. E. W. Turnbull and the bridesmaid was Miss Margaret Young. They wore frocks of mauve taffeta, made with bustles. Veils fell from their hats and they carried posies of violets. Mr. Ros was best man and the usher was Mr. Pennucci.

The bride's mother wore a blue gown trimmed with white, and a hat with a veil. Her flowers were orchids.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the French Club. The honeymoon is being spent in Dairen, Tientsin and Peiping.

Rice Price Stays High; Supplies Not Entering

Workers in Yangtszepoo And Yenping Road Out

The retail price of rice remained almost unchanged here yesterday, with the best grade selling for about $38 a picul, which is twice the normal price. Shipments still were not reaching Shanghai from the producing areas in the Lower Yangtze basin, and the cheap grain promised by the Japanese army spokesman on December 12 had not yet arrived.

In the industrial field here yesterday, 80 workers at the Dah Doong Rubber Co., Yangtszepoo, who had resumed on Friday, walked out again. The factory is situated in Meichow Road. Other establishments which are closed because of strikes are the Chinese Aluminium Rolling Mills, Yangtszepoo (Swiss), and the China Textile Manufacturing Co., Yenping Road (British). The Chinese workers at the A.P.C. installation, Yangtszepoo, likewise remain on strike.

Japanese Hong Looted And Staff's Hands Tied

Bold Gunmen Make Large Haul in Ningpo Road

Acting with precision and daring, a gang of three armed Chinese walked into a Japanese import and export hong downtown yesterday forenoon and made a large haul with which they escaped. The robbery took place in Room 110, 40 Ningpo Road, which the three gunmen entered at 11.20 o'clock. They threatened the staff of ten and tied their hands so as to facilitate the looting. The robbers then ransacked the office for money, obtaining $950 and Y.260, and also stole watches from three of their victims.

It was estimated that the gang spent half an hour on the premises. An alarm was received at Central Police Station a few minutes after 12 o'clock and in response two vans turned out with detectives and uniformed men clad in steel waistcoats. When the police reached the scene, however, the robbers had vanished.

No shots were fired.

D.S.O.'s Awarded for Palestine Operations

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 23.

Five Distinguished Service Orders have been awarded in connection with operations in Palestine between April 3 and July 30, it was revealed tonight.

The recipients are: Colonel W. H. C. Ramsden, of the Hampshire Regiment; Lieut-Colonel A. M. Ritchie, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders; Major A. K. Hamilton, of the Black Watch; Major H. G. Veasey, of the West Surrey Regiment; and Major Maxwell Elrington, of the Border Regiment.—Reuter.

Himmler Concludes Rome Visit

Rome, Dec. 22.

Heinrich Himmler, head of the Reich's feared Gestapo (State Secret Police), left Rome for Berlin today upon conclusion of his two-day visit here, during which he conferred with Signor Benito Mussolini among other Italian leaders.—Havas.

Engineers' Club Give Children's Party

Happy Youngsters Invade Wayfoong House

The children's party held at the Shanghai Engineers' Club yesterday was a great success. The children arrived in fancy dress, and were greeted by Father Christmas (Mr. Clements, secretary of the club) who handed out many beautiful presents. The "Fairy Godmother" of the party, Mrs. J. J. Harrigan, also received a present of a silver cigarette box.

After posing for their photographs, in front of the Christmas tree, the children were taken in to tea, which commenced with the giving of prizes to the winners of the fancy dress parade by the Rev. F. W. Weaver, chaplain to the Missions to Seamen, and Mrs. Weaver. Little Ruth Blair won first prize as "X.M.H.A." which she represented in a remarkable costume, wearing a tin of Maxwell House Coffee, wrappers of Bakerite's bread and biscuits, and all Carroll Alcott's famous slogans. Augustine Keinan, as Madame Dubarry came second, in a beautiful costume of blue satin trimmed with pink rosebuds, a crinoline, and white wig. Of the boys, Eigour Tirbak, dressed as an Admiral, won first prize, and Jimmy Blair, as a diminutive Johnny Walker came second.

Tea was a wonderful affair, and the children shouted with delight as they pulled crackers, blew whistles, and ate Christmas cake. Ices were handed round, and baskets of sweets, after which the children were entertained by Mr. Clements as a clown. The grown-ups were then given tea—a glorious affair of cream cakes and ices—after which they watched the children playing games around the Christmas tree in a room gaily decorated with the flags of every nation. Balloons popped and fluttered, the children glowed with excitement, after which the lights were dimmed and films shown of monkeys and clowns, and all the animals dear to a child's heart.

When the party was finished, the children went home tired but happy, to dream of the lovely time that they had had with Father Christmas and their kind Fairy Godmother.

Santa Entertains 134 at Police Children's Party

Major Bourne Distributes Prizes to Youngsters

One hundred and thirty-four youngsters enjoyed three hours of fun and feasting under the benevolent eye of Father Christmas (alias Santa Claus) yesterday afternoon at the annual Shanghai Municipal Police Children's Christmas Party. The party was given in the festively-decorated Police Club in Foochow Road and as a success it exceeded the similar events of recent years. Maj. K. M. Bourne took an active part in distributing the prizes in various competitions. Also present was Capt. H. M. Smyth, Deputy Commissioner.

Sergt. Jack Mills made an imposing Father Christmas and he also appeared, with Sergt. F. Ambrose, in a comic entertainment programme which was received with great enthusiasm. Det.-Sergt. H. F. Gill acted as master of ceremonies, and the arranging committee was composed of Messrs. and Mesdames Gill, R. C. Hall, J. C. Dickson, G. J. B. Pryde and J. Crighton.

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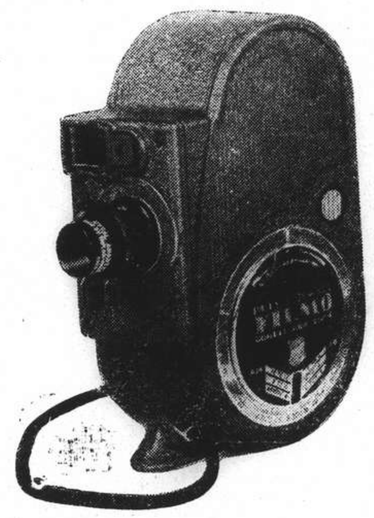

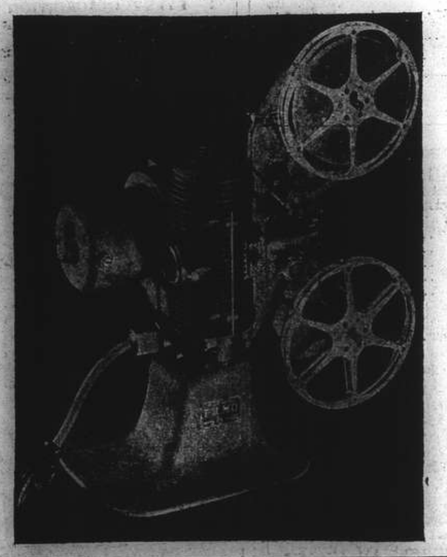

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Money & Exchange

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1939

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 4 11/32d.	$ 51.54
U.S. $100 @ 7 5/8	$1,311.48
Francs 341	$100
Yen 32 3/8	100
Guilders 14 1/4	100
Rupees 25 3/4	100
Pesos 15 1/4	100
Hongkong $31	100

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 4 11/32d.	$ 50.19
U.S. $100 @ 7 5/8	$1,269.84
London—demand, $1=	4 3/32d.
4 months' sight credits	4 3/32d.
4 months' sight docts	4 3/32d.
6 months' sight docts	4 1/32d.
8 months' sight docts	4 1/32d.
New York—demand, $100=	U.S.$71 5/8
4 months' sight credits	U.S.$71 1/8
4 months' sight docts	U.S.$71 1/8

NEW YORK/LONDON CROSS RATES

£1=U.S.$3.94 1/8 U.S.$1=60.78d.

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling 4 11/32d. U.S. $7 3/32

WEI WAH DISCOUNT

Wei Wah $1,038.50 C.S.$1,000

Netherlands Trading Society

Netherlands Guilders Buying	14 3/8
Java Guilders "	14 3/8
Netherlands Guilders Selling	14 1/2
Java Guilders "	14 3/8

American Express Co., Inc.

Buying U.S.$100=$1,230.00	£1=$50.526
Selling U.S.$100=$1,311.475	£1=$51.89

Italian Bank for China

It. Lire 1.52=$1 Swiss Frs. 0.34 1/4=$1
Tourist Lire 1.68 =$1

Banque Belge Pour L'Etranger

Belgas 0.46=$1 Belgas 23.50=£1

Hua Hsing Commercial Bank

Sterling Selling Rate @ 6d. per H.H.$ 1
" Buying " @ 6 3/32 " H.H.$ 1
U.S.$ Selling " @ 97/8 " H.H.$100
" Buying " @ 10 1/4 " H.H.$100

LOCAL DOLLAR (FAPI)

Selling Rate @ 126 per H.H.$100
Buying " @ 131 " H.H.$100

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTER BANK CASH DELIVERY

	Highest	Lowest
£	4 23/32	4 11/32
U.S. G.$	7 3/4	7 11/32
Yen	—	—

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

	SELLING	BUYING December
Cash		
£ T.T.	4 11/32	4m/s. l.c. 4 13/32
G.$ T.T.	7 11/32	4 m/s. l.c. 7 11/32
Fcs. T.T.	344	4 m/s. 356
Rs. T.T.	26	15 d/s. 26 5/8

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NEW YORK/LONDON CROSS RATE

New York closing Rate for Cash	3.94 1/2
Local sellers U.S.$ for Cash	3.94 1/2
Local buyers U.S.$ for Cash	3.94 3/8

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 4.21/32 Sterling and 7 5/8 U.S.$.

The Interbank market opened uneasily on the news of proposed restrictions in Hongkong, but this was discounted when sellers appeared at the opening rates. Subsequently the rates improved slightly, reaching 4 11/32 Sterling and 7 3/4 U.S.$. for December. Towards the close buyers came out for forward delivery and the market closed with sellers at:—

4 11/32	Sterling	7 23/32	U.S.$. Cash
4 11/32	Sterling	7 23/32	U.S.$. Dec.
4 11/32	Sterling	7 23/32	U.S.$. Jan.
4 11/32	Sterling	7 23/32	U.S.$. Feb.

Yesterday's Rice Prices

Changshu per shih (176 lbs.)	$40.00
Sungkiang "	39.00
Saigon "	37.20

Foreign Exchanges

Bombay, Rupee T. T. on:

Closing Dec. 22.

Japan	80 3/8	London	1/5 3/32
New York	333	2 mths	
Shanghai	28	" (sellers)	1/5 3/32
Hongkong	84 1/2	" (buyers)	1/6 1/32
		Japan	
		" (sellers)	81 7/8
		" (buyers)	80 7/8

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	402.00	Shanghai	4 7/32d
Paris	176.00	Bombay	1/6 3/32*
Berlin	—	Hongkong	1/5 29/32*
Amsterdam	7.52	Singapore	2/4 5/32*
Brussels	24.00	Yokohama	1/2 1/32
Madrid	38.50 *	" (buying)	1/2 1/4
Milan	77.25	Prague	—
Berne	17.80		

*—Unofficial Rates.

New York U.S.$ T. T. on:

Berlin	40.20	Montreal	88.500
Spain	9.95	Brazil	5.10
Holland	53.10 1/2	Japan	23.49
Paris	2.23 5/8	Shanghai	7.85
Brussels	16.66	Hungary	17.60
Italy	5.05	Rumania	0.73
S'zerland	22.43	Yugo Slavia	2.35
Sweden	23.82 1/2	Greece	0.73
Norway	22.72 1/2	Bulgaria	unq.
Denmark	19.32 1/2	Finland	1.95
London			3.94 3/8
" Demand			3.94
" Bankers' 60 Days Bills,			3.94
" Commercial 60 Days Bills			3.94
Buenos Aires, Paper			Unq.
" " Market Rate			22.70
Montreal on London			4.46 3/8

—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London:	Dec. 22.
Fine Bank Bills, 3 months	1 1/4%
Bank Bills, 6 months	1 3/8%
Fine Trade Bills, 3 months	2 3/4%
Fine Trade Bills, 6 months	3 1/4%
Call Money	0 7/8%

New York:	
Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0 1/2%B 0 5/8%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0 5/8%B 0 11/16%A
Call Money	1%

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

Paris Bourse

Paris, Dec. 22.

The Bourse opened calm and steady today.

During the session, French issues led a slight advance, some stocks registering appreciable gains.

Closing rates were firm and slightly under the day's highs.—Havas.

Investment Co.'s Share Value

The statistical value of The International Investment Trust Co. of China Ltd., shares at the close of business on Friday, December 22, was $14.10. This value is based on the market value where available and in all other cases on the values which the Directors consider fair and reasonable.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

Christmas optimism undoubtedly helped the market yesterday, all stocks closing extremely firm, particularly in the Rubber section, where there seemed to be a scarcity of sellers.

Official Averages

1939 High	Low		Today's Averages	Change
227.17	105.32	General	209.15	+0.31
504.80	95.55	Rubbers	300.06	+8.25

Total 227,070 shares, 1,830 bonds.

Business Done

China Realty 8%		Tael Debs.		25000	87.75
36000	88.00	12000	88.25	10000	88.00
42000	88.25	58000	88.50		
I. I. Trust		4000	10.40	500	10.30
1500	10.40	2500	10.30		
S'hai Loan		1500	13.80	500	13.90
500	13.80	500	*13.90	500	13.90
1500	14.00	1000	*14.00	1500	13.90
500	14.00	500	*14.00		
Yangtsze Finance				1500	*9.10
500	9.10	2000	9.05	500	9.00
500	*9.05	1000	*9.00	500	9.05
500	9.10				
China Realty				1000	0.45
S'hai Land		3000	*11.40	5500	11.40
3000	11.50	1000	*11.50	2000	11.40
1000	11.50	500	*11.50		
New Eng. 1(Ord)		200	*19.90	700	19.80
100	*19.90	1000	19.90	700	19.80
100	19.70	500	19.80		
S. & H. Wharf				50	265.00
Wheelock		200	*74.00	600	74.00
1400	73.00	100	*73.00		
C. G. Omnibus		400	22.25	100	*22.25
100	22.50				
Telephone		900	21.75	3200	22.00
100	*22.00				
Tram (Bearer)	£1			800	41.00
200	40.75				
Metal		400	18.40	300	18.30
300	18.40	300	18.30	200	18.40
1300	18.40	900	*18.30	3600	18.30
400	*18.40	100	18.40		
Kaiping				300	42.50
Lumber		300	38.00	200	*38.75
Exploration		1500	8.65	1500	8.60
500	8.55	500	8.60	1500	8.55
500	8.50				
Power (Pref)		10	129.00	10	128.75
Ewo Mills (Ord)		200	*26.40	300	26.40
100	*26.30	1400	26.40	300	*26.40
2000	26.50	100	*26.50	200	26.40
2100	26.50	500	*26.50	600	*26.40
100	26.50	1700	26.60	100	26.70
Alma				1000†	*37.75
Anglo Dutch		100	18.90	500	18.80
100	*18.80	800	18.90		
Anglo Java		200	38.50	100	*38.75
900	39.00	2000	39.25	100	*39.25
100	39.00	200	39.25	1000	39.00
100	*39.00				
Batu Anam		2000	1.46	4000	1.50
3000	*1.50	7000	1.52	1000	1.50
3000	1.52	1000	1.50	1000	1.50
Bute				1000	8.70
Chemor		1000	*2.67 1/2	4000	2.70
Cheng		4000	0.75	2000	0.76
2000	0.75	1000	0.77	1000	0.76
3000	0.77				
Consolidated		500	7.45	35000	7.50
500	7.60				
Java Consolidated		5000	5.10	1000	*.10
Kota				1000	5.50
Kroewoek		2000	*3.17 1/2	4000	3.17 1/2
1000	3.15	5000	3.17 1/2	1000	*3.20
5000	3.20	3000	*3.17 1/2		
Langkat		900	27.25	300	*27.25
500	27.50	200	27.25	800	27.50
200	*27.50	100	27.25	100	27.50
100	*27.50	100	*27.25	200	27.50
1000	*27.50				
Repah		1000	1.28	1000	*1.23
4000	1.30	2000	*1.20		
Rubber Trust		500	*7.90	500	8.00
500	8.05	1000	8.10	1000	8.15
Samagaga				4000	†2.05
Semambu		2000	1.56	2000	1.58
5000	1.60	2000	1.62		
Senawang		2000	1.68	100	1.70
3000	1.72				
Kedah				1000	11.30
Kelantan		5000	0.76	1000	0.77
2000	*0.78	11000	0.78	1000	0.79
1000	0.80	5000	0.79		
Tanah Merah		1000	3.37 1/2	4000	3.40
Tebong		5000	1.52	1000	*1.52
8000	1.54				
Ziangbe				100	26.00
Cathay Land				1000	2.00

ODD LOTS

Kroewoek	350	3.12 1/2
Ewo Mills (Ord)	50	26.20
S'hai Land	1000	11.60
I. I. Trust	1000	10.50
Rubber Trust	1000	8.10
S'hai Land	2000	*11.40
Exploration	100	8.75
I. I. Trust	3000	*10.40
Samagaga	500	2.00
Kalantan	300	0.81
S'hai Loan	300	13.80

*Direct Business †Ex-dividend.

U.S. Commodities

Friday's Closing Quotations

New York, Dec. 22.

The cotton market early moderately advanced on higher Liverpool cables and some trade buying, but later reacted on realizing and hedging. Subsequently, prices further eased on commission house and Wall Street selling, coupled with persistent liquidation and accumulated hedging. Finally, the market closed very quiet, with quotations ranging from 2 to 13 points down.

Prices in the rubber market moved higher on steady cables, a scarcity of offerings, covering by shorts and some speculative repurchases. At the close, quotations ranged from 13 to 15 points up.

Wheat futures in Chicago today finished easy, with quotations declining on profit-taking and liquidation, lower Winnipeg advices, professional selling, renewed peace rumours and bearish foreign political news. At the final bell, losses of 2% cents were recorded.—Reuter.

New York Cotton		New York Rubber	
Jan.	10.93-93 —12		
Mar.	10.75-75 —13		
May	10.40-41 —11		
July	10.04-04 —02	Mar.	19.10-10 +15
July (N.C.)		May	18.85-85 +13
	10.24 N —02	July	18.65-65 +15
Oct. (N.C.)			
	9.54-54 —06		
Dec. (N.C.)			
	9.47-47 —03		

N. Y. Sugar No. 3		N. Y. Sugar No. 4	
Mar.	1.98-99 unc. B/A	Mar	1.58 1/2-59 1/2—1 1/2 B/A
May	2.03-04 +01 B/A	May	1.60-61 —1 B/A
Sept.	2.08-09 unc. B/A	Sept	1.61 1/2-62 1/2—1 1/2 B/A

Chicago Wheat		Chicago Corn	
May	103 1/8-103 1/8—2 3/8	May	57 5/8-57 3/4 —3/4
July	100 7/8-100 3/4—2 3/8		

Winnipeg Wheat	New York Silk No. 1
May 87 1/4-87 3/8 —2 1/4	Dec. 4.25 1/2-25 1/2+20 B/A

B—Bid A—Asked.—Reuter.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Dec. 23.	Bid Prices a.m. Closing	
Atoks	.195	S
Antamok	.165	S
Baguio Gold	.165	
Batong Buhay	.15	S
Benguet Consolidated	5.65	S x
Big Wedge	.225	†
Coco Grove	.165	S
Consolidated Mines	.003	S
Demonstration	.105	S
East Mindanao	.115	S
I X L	.415	S
Ipo Gold	.145	
Itogon	.265	S
Mambulao Consolidated	.017	
Masbate Consolidated	.11	S
Mine Operations	.115	S
North Camarines	.165	S
Paracale Gumaus	.185	
San Mauricio	.86	S
Surigao Consolidated	.17	
Suyoc	.15	S
Syndicate Investment	.025	
United Paracale	.34	S
Mindanao Motherlode	.095	S

x—Over the counter. †—Ex. div.
Turnover for the Morning: 264,300 Pesos.
Shares Index: (Morning Session) 79.76.
S—Sales.—Reuter.

New York Stocks

Friday's Closing Quotations

New York, Dec. 22.

Despite trading on the New York Stock Exchange being a pre-holiday apathetic affair today, fractional gains predominated in the list.

Reinvestment demand has apparently offset tax-selling, but, with uncertainty still surrounding near-term business prospects, buyers were cautious.

Meanwhile, a questionaire sent to a representative group of statisticians and market analysts reveals that a large majority anticipate higher prices before the end of January.

The volume of trading today amounted to 720,000 shares.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	145.97	148.87	145.59	+0.46
20 Rails	31.55	31.22	31.44	+0.24
15 Utilit.	25.09	24.78	24.95	+0.03
40 Bonds	—	—	89.21	+0.01
11 Commod.	—	—	63.10	—0.40

	Dec. 21	22		Dec. 21	22
Adams Exp	8	8 1/8	Jones & L	66	64 1/4
Alg Lud Sil	21 1/2	21 1/2	Kennecot	38 1/8	38 5/8
Aud Stores	9	9 1/4	Lak F & M	5 1/8	4
Allis Chal	39 1/8	39	Libbey O F	50	50 1/2
Aumuln Ld	96	96	Lockheed	29 1/2	30 1/4
Amer Can	112 1/2	113 1/4	Loews	34 1/2	35
Am Cyan B	33 1/2	33 1/2	Mack Trks	27 5/8	28
Am For Pr	2	2	Martin G	39 1/8	39 5/8
" $7 pfd	*23	23 1/8	McK & R	*16 1/8	*16 1/4
Am G & E	38	38 1/4	Monsanto	107 1/4	107
Am Loco	22	21 5/8	Mont Ward	53 1/2	54 1/4
Am Metal	23 1/4	23	Nat City B	*27 1/2	—
Am Radtr	9 1/8	9 1/4	Nat Avian	13 1/8	13 1/4
Am R Mill	16 1/2	16 1/2	Nat Dairy	16	16 1/4
Am Smelig	51 1/4	51 1/4	Nat Distrs	23	23 1/4
Am Sug R	20 1/2	20 1/2	Nat Gyp	11	11 1/8
Am T & T	170 1/4	170 1/2	Nat Lead	20	20 1/8
Am Tob B	84 1/2	84 1/2	Nat P & L	8 1/8	8 1/4
Am Wtrwks	11 1/4	11 1/8	Nat Steel	70 1/8	69 1/2
Anaconda	30 1/4	30 1/8	Nat Supply	8 1/8	8 1/4
Atchison	23 3/8	24 1/2	N Y Cent	18	18 1/4
Auburn	2 1/8	—	Niag Hud	5 1/8	5
Bald Loco	17	17	N Am Avian	25 1/8	26
B & Ohio	5 1/8	5 1/8	N Am Co	22 1/8	22 1/2
Barber	14 1/2	14 1/2	N Pacific	8 1/8	8
Barns Oil	12 1/2	12	O I Glass	61 1/8	61 1/4
Bendix	29 1/8	30 1/4	Pac G & E	33 1/8	33
Beth Steel	82 1/8	82	Pac Lightg	48 1/4	48 1/4
Blis	14 1/8	*13 1/2	Packard	3 1/8	3
Boeing	21 1/8	22 1/8	Paramount	7 1/8	7 1/8
Borg Warn	24 1/4	24 1/4	Penn R R	22 1/8	23 1/8
Briggs	21 1/8	21 1/2	Phelps D	41 1/4	41 1/4
Bkln-M Tr	13 1/8	13 1/8	P & R Coal	*0 5/8	*0 5/8
" $6 pfd.	47 1/8	48 1/8	Phil Pet	40	40 1/8
Budd Mfg.	5 1/8	5 1/8	Pitts C & I	7 1/8	*7 1/8
Can Pac	4 1/8	4 1/8	P S of NJ	40	40 1/8
Case JI	70 1/8	71 1/2	Pullman	31 1/8	31 1/2
Celanese	29 1/4	29 1/8	Pure Oil	8 1/8	8 1/4
Chase N B	*35 1/4	—	Radio	5 1/8	5 1/8
Ches & O	39 1/8	39 1/4	Reading	15 1/8	*15 1/8
Chrysler	88 1/4	89 1/8	" 1st pfd	*25 1/8	*25 1/8
Clim Mlyb	39 1/8	39 1/8	R Arms	*4 1/4	*4 1/4
Colts	*81 1/8	81 1/2	Rep Avian	5 1/8	5 1/8
Col G & E	6 1/8	6	Rep Steel	23 1/8	23 1/4
" 6% pfd	84 1/2	85	Rev C & B	13 1/8	13 1/4
Com Credit	45	45 1/2	Rey Tob B	36 1/8	37 1/2
Com & Sth	1 1/8	1 1/8	Richfield	8	8
Cons Edis	29 1/8	29 1/8	Safeway	47 1/8	47 1/8
Cons Oil	7	7	Schenley	12 1/8	12 1/8
Cont Can	42	42 1/8	Sears Roeb	82 1/8	83 1/8
Cont Oil	24 1/8	24	Shell U Oil	12 1/8	12 1/8
Copwld Stl	16 1/8	16 1/8	Soc-Vac	11 1/8	12
Corn Prod	63 1/8	63 1/2	Sthrn Pac	14 1/8	14 1/8
Curtis Wr	10 1/8	10 1/8	Sthrn Rly.	33 1/8	33 1/4
" A	28 1/8	28 1/8	Sperry	45 1/4	45 1/8
Deere & Co.	24	23 1/8	Spicer	24	*32 1/2
Dist Cpn	17 1/8	19 1/8	Std Brands	5 1/8	5 1/8
Douglas	80 1/8	81 1/2	Std G & E	2 1/8	2 1/8
Du Pont	178	179	Std. Oil of C	24 1/8	25
Eag P Lead	11 1/8	11 1/8	Std O of N J	44 1/8	44 1/8
Eaton Mfg	29 1/8	29 1/8	Stone & W	11 1/8	11 1/8
Elc A Lite	37 1/8	37 1/8	Studebaker	9 1/8	9 1/8
Elec B & S	7 1/8	7 1/8	Swift Int	32 1/4	32 1/4
" $5 pfd	58 1/8	58 1/4	Technicor	12 1/8	12 1/8
" $6 pfd.	67 1/8	67	Tex Cpn	44	44 1/4
E P & Lt	30 1/8	31 1/8	Tex Gulf	32 1/8	32 1/8
Flintkote	20	20	Transamer	6	5 7
Gen Am Tr	55	55 1/4	Tw Cent F	11 1/8	11 1/8
Gen Elec	40	40 1/2	T C F pfd	23 1/8	—
Gen Motor	54	54 1/8	Un Carbide	86 1/4	87 1/8
Gen Rly Sig	18 1/8	18 1/8	Un Pacific	92	94
Gen T & R	21 1/8	21 1/8	Un Aircraft	45 1/8	46 1/8
Glidden	17 1/8	17 1/8	Un Air L	14 1/8	15 1/8
Goodrich	19 1/8	19 1/8	Un Corpn	2 1/8	2 1/8
" $5 pfd	65	65 1/8	" $3 pfd	38 1/8	38 1/8
Goodyear	23 1/8	23 1/8	Un Gas	1 1/8	1 1/8
Gt N I Ore	17 1/8	17 1/8	Un C Imp	14 1/8	14 1/8
Gt N Rly	27	26 1/8	US Ind Al	22 1/8	23
Gt W Sugar	23 1/8	23 1/8	US Rubber	40 1/8	40 7/8
Greyhound	16 1/8	16 1/2	" 8% pfd	111	111
Herc Pow	89 1/8	89 1/8	U S Steel	67 1/8	67 1/4
Homestake	59 1/4	60	Vanadium	34 1/4	34
Int Harv	60 1/8	61	Walworth	5 1/8	5 1/8
Int Nickel	36 3/8	37	Warner B P	3 1/8	3 1/8
Int T & T	4 1/8	4 1/8	West Elec	116 1/4	116 1/8
Johns Man	74	74 1/2	Woodward	23 1/4	24

BONDS

Amer. & For. Power	62	62 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio R.R.	26 1/4	26 1/8
Brazil (U.S. of) 8% 1941	19 1/4	19
" " 6 1/2% 1875	15	15 1/8
Cities Serv. Purr. & Lt.	92 3/8	92
Erie R.R. 6s 1967	15	15
Int. Tel. & Tel. 5s 1955	41	40 1/2
New England Gas & Elec.	69	68 1/2
Republic of Colombia	32 3/4	31
" " (1928) 6s '61	32 3/4	*31 7/8
Sthrn. Pacific Co.	46	46 1/8
Stand. Gas & Elec.	66 1/8	66 1/8

*—Bid. †—Ex. Div.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Summary

By Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

Stock prices ruled firm today a session of dull trading. Special issues were featured by a show of strength, although they moved narrowly for most of the session with the undertone firm. An investment demand for Norfolk and Western was noted, with the issue jumping 2 3/4 points. Aviations were strong temporarily, owing to the belief that Governments will soon increase orders, but later quietly receded. Railroads were sustained, due to favourable earnings reports and also to the under-seasonal decline in carloadings. Business was generally restricted in the market, owing to the approach of the Christmas Holidays on Monday.

By Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

Irregular price movements and relatively small turnovers have again characterized the New York stock market and the net results of the week's trading are almost negligible changes. Foreign liquidation and tax selling continued but were well absorbed though buyers remained cautious and many traders were on the sidelines in view of the approaching holidays. Bulls are still hoping for the usual year-end rise while bears believe that the fundamental trend of the market is downward.

Commodity prices reached on Monday their highest level since September 1937 but appeared in a vulnerable position inasmuch as they had risen more rapidly than recent changes in demand and supply warranted. Profit-taking which touched off stop-loss orders caused a reactionary trend on Tuesday and Wednesday. The drought in the Southwest wheat area is unrelieved though some moisture is reported in the Northwest. Crop prospects are regarded as poor with a decided lack of sub-soil moisture in the Spring wheat area. The easiness of the Liverpool and Bombay cotton markets was reflected in New York where the recent strength is said to have brought out from 300,000 to 400,000 bales in releases from loan holdings. Offerings of spot and nearby rubber were freer. Hides were supported by increased activity in the leather industry and by good export inquiry for shoes. The former import duties on sugar have been restored though the question of quotas remains unsettled.

Industrial activity continued at an excellent pace; in fact, after allowing for seasonal trends, "at the highest level in history" according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Electricity output reached an all-time high and the automobile paper and machine tool industries are all doing better than average. Steel operations, as expected, declined for the third successive week. It is reported that President Roosevelt in his budget messsage may recommend higher taxes but any such action by Congress in a Presidential campaign year is considered improbable.

THE MARKET IN FIGURES

	Thursday Dec. 14	Dec. 21	Change
D.-J. average for 30 Indust.	148.93	149.10	up .17
D.-J. average for 20 Rails	31.84	31.20	off .64
D.-J. average for 15 Utilit.	24.95	24.92	off .03
D.-J. average for 40 Bonds	89.24	89.20	off .04
D.-J. 11 Commodity Index	61.81	63.50	up 1.89

COMMODITY PRICES

	Thursday Dec. 14	Dec. 21
Chicago Wheat	90 3/8	105 7/8
Winnipeg Wheat	86 1/8	89 1/2
Corn	56 3/8	58 1/2
Cotton	10.70	10.88
Rubber	19.60	18.95
Hides	15.38	15.05
Sugar	1.58 1/2	1.60 1/2
Cocoa	5.75	5.72

BUSINESS

	Previous	Latest
N.Y. Times Index	106.0	106.3
Steel operations (% of cap.)	91.2	90.0
Carloadings (carloads)	687,000	681,000
Elec. power prod. (kw. hrs.)	*2,586,000	*2,605,000
Average daily oil prod. (bbls.)	3,827,000	3,866,000
Automobile output (cars)	115,488	117,805

*000 omitted.

Stock Outlook:—For more than three months the stock market has held approximately between its highs of September 12 and its lows of September 12 and its lows of September 18 and some potent stimulus is evidently required to produce a sustained movement in either direction. With industrial activity, according to the Federal Reserve Board Index, above the 1937 high and equalling the 1929 boom peak, a downward trend over the next few months is likely but the relatively low level of stock prices has probably already adequately discounted this. Consequently, unless there should be bad news from some unexpected quarter, the market appears to be in a position to respond readily to any favourable developments and unhurried accumulation during periods of market weakness still seems to be sound policy.

World Markets Closed

All world markets will be closed tomorrow while Great Britain and Winnipeg will also remained closed on Tuesday. All commodity exchanges in New York were also closed yesterday with the exception of Chicago and Winnipeg.

London Stocks

Friday's Closing Quotations

London, Dec. 22.

Trading on the London Stock Exchange today was a typical pre-holiday affair, with prices only showing minor changes.

British gilt-edged securities and Japanese bonds worked slightly higher, while the remainder of the list closed about unchanged.—Reuter.

	Dec. 21	22
War Loan 3 1/2% (Red.)	£92 3/4	92 1/4

JAPANESE BONDS

Japan 5% Stg. Loan 1907	50	50 1/4
Japan 6% Stg. Loan 1924	56 1/2	57

Osaka, Dec. 23.

Kogo 5%	Y.105.40

COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL

Allied Ironfounders	14/3	14/6
Armstrong Stevens	6/-	6/-
Assoc. & Elec. Indus.	38/10 1/2	38/10 1/2
Austin Motors, ord.	16/9	16/9
Bristol Aeroplane	14/-	12/6
British American Tob.	52/6	53/9
Cable & W., new form	56 1/4	56 1/2
Cammell Laird, ord.	6/7 1/2	6/7 1/2
Courtaulds	37/-	37/-
Distillers	66/9	66/6
Dunlop Rubber	30/3	30/3
General Elec. (Eng.)	74/10 1/2	74/10 1/2
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	81/1 1/2	81/1 1/2
Hawker Siddeley Aircraft	15/-	14/6
Imp. Chem. Indus.	29/7 1/2	29/9
Imp. Tobacco	118/9	118/1 1/2
Leyland Motors	87/9	87/10 1/2
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	52/-	52/-
Pressed Steel, com.	14/-	14/-
Rolls-Royce	93/11 1/2	93/11 1/2
Smethwick Drop Forgings	13/6	13/6
Tate & Lyle	57/-	56/9
Turner & Newall	66/4 1/2	66/6
Vickers, ord.	16/1 1/2	16/1 1/2
Woolworths	61/9	61/9
United Steel	20/9	20/9

MISCELLANEOUS

Anglo Dutch	27/3	27/3
Rubber Pltn. Inv.	34/1 1/2	34/1 1/2

MINES

Burma Corp.	11/9	11/9
Commonwealth Min.	Unq.	Unq.
Marsman Invests.	15/-	15/-
Randfontein Ests.	38/9	38/9
Sub-Nigel	200/-	200/-
Tanami Gold Min.	3d.	3d.
Western Holdings	10/6	10/3

OILS

Anglo-Iranian	55/-	55/-
Burmah	61/3	61/3
Mexican Eagle	6/7 1/2	6/7 1/2
Shell Trans. & Trad.	80/7 1/2	80/7 1/2

CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS, ETC.

4 1/2% Gold Loan, 1898	£56	56
5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	47	47
4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan	45	45
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	25	25
5% Reorg. Loan, 1913	35	35
5% Sig. Notes, 1925	13	13
5% Honan Rly., 1905	15	15
5% Hukuang Rly., 1911	17	17
5% " " (Ger. Is.)	16	16
5% Lung Tsing U. H. 1913	14	14
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	18	18
5% T

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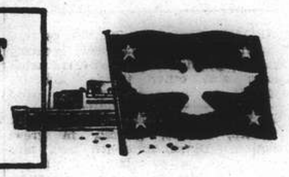

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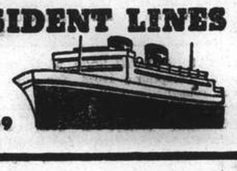

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Vessels Arriving To-day

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive to-day are based upon information available yesterday evening

From CAPETOWN: Boissevain, with mail, due noon, Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Passengers expected Customs Jetty 1.30 p.m.

From DAIREN: Hoten Maru, with mail, due 3-3 p.m., Whangpoo Wharf.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedule the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From LISBON			From KARACHI		
Torrens	10/12	30/1	Fusijama	16/12	10/1
From TRIESTE			**From SOERABAYA**		
Cortellazzo	28/10	26/12	Tjitjalengka	8/12	25/12
Fusijama	21/11	10/1	Tjisadane	22/12	9/1
C. Verde	21/12	17/1	**From HONGKONG**		
			See "China Ports" below.		

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK			From HONOLULU		
Besholt	—	25/12	P. Coolidge	20/12	2/1
M. Maersk	10/11	27/12	**From PORTLAND**		
Vigrid	10/10	29/12	Delhi	—	31/12
D. Aurora	—	6/1	**From KOBE**		
L. Maersk	25/11	10/1	M. Maersk	23/12	26/12
A. Maersk	9/12	24/1	**From NAGASAKI**		
From LOS ANGELES			Shanghai M.	24/12	26/12
P. Coolidge	11/12	2/1	**From KEELUNG**		
L. Maersk	16/12	10/1	Hukuken M.	23/12	25/12

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN			From DURBAN		
Tegelberg	15/12	22/1	Tegelberg	21/12	22/1

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN			From HONGKONG		
Tsingtao M.	25/12	27/12	Cortellazzo	23/12	26/12
From AMOY					
Tjitjalengka	23/12	25/12			

Vessels Discharging

ALIPORE. The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer Alipore, from Karachi and Bombay.—This steamer is discharging Cargo at the Hunt's —This steamer is discharging Cargo at the Old Ningpo Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Cargo. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" will further be required to send their Representatives to the Wharf to verify the weights of such Cargo whilst it is being landed. Examination of ship-damaged cargo will be held at the Hunt's Wharf on Friday, December 29, at 9 a.m. by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy. All Claims against this steamer must be sent in within fifteen days from date of Steamer's arrival, or they will not be recognized. All risks of Fire etc. at the Wharf and Godowns to be borne by the Consignees of the Cargo. Pro. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents. 24-12

NARKUNDA. The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer Narkunda, from London and Ports.—This steamer is berthing at Nos. 11-12 Buoys and her cargo will be discharged at the Hongkew Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Cargo. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" will further be required to send their Representatives to the Wharf to verify the weights of such Cargo whilst it is being landed. Examination of ship-damaged cargo will be held at the Hongkew Wharf on Saturday, December 30, at 9 a.m. by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy. All Claims against this steamer must be sent in within fifteen days from date of Steamer's arrival, or they will not be recognized. All risks of Fire etc. at the Wharf and Godowns to be borne by the Consignees of the Cargo. Pro. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents. 27-12

Vessels Sailing

The undermentioned vessels are due to sail from Shanghai upon the dates indicated.

For LIVERPOOL	
Hakone Maru	28/12
Kasima Maru	5/1
For GENOA	
C. Verde	21/1
For OSLO	
Tai Ping	25/12
For CAPETOWN	
Boissevain	25/12
Tegelberg	24/1
For CALCUTTA	
Delagoa Maru	24/12
For KARACHI	
Kaisyo Maru	25/12
For JAVA	
Tjitjalengka	28/12
For MANILA	
P. Coolidge	3/1

For NEW YORK	
G. Maersk	1/1
Nagara Maru	8/1
H. Maersk	15/1
For SAN FRANCISCO	
P. Pierce	2/1
Delhi	2/1
P. Coolidge	16/1
Arga	16/1
P. Taft	29/1
For YOKOHAMA	
Hakozaki Maru	30/12
For KOBE	
Taiyo Maru	2/1
For NAGASAKI	
Nagasaki Maru	24/12
Nagasaki Maru	29/12
Shanghai Maru	27/1
For DAIREN	
Hoten Maru	26/12
Tsingtao Maru	29/12
Dairen Maru	2/1
Hoten Maru	4/1

Vessels Leaving

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STRAITS AND EUROPE

TAI PING Dec. 25. ADEN, PORTSAID, OSLO, GOTHENBURG and COPENHAGEN via JAPAN and STRAITS.—Motorship Tai Ping of the Wilhelmsen Lines will be despatched from Shanghai for the abovementioned ports on or about December 25. For freight or passage please apply to the agents Dodwell and Company, Ltd., 17 Canton Road. Tel. 11266. 25-12

AMERICA

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SOUTH AND EAST AFRICA

BOISSEVAIN Dec. 26. MAURITIUS, REUNION, TAMATAVE, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, CAPETOWN, MOSSEL BAY, PORT ELIZABETH, EAST LONDON, ZANZIBAR and MOMBASA via HONGKONG, MANILA, SAIGON, BANGKOK (Koh-Si-Chang), SINGAPORE and BATAVIA.—The K.P.M. Line ms. Boissevain sails from Holt's Wharf, Pootung on Tuesday, Dec. 26, at 9.30 a.m. Cargo accepted for all ports in South and East Africa, also East Coast of South America. For passage and freight apply to the Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V., Agents, K.P.M. Line, Brunner Mond Building, 133 Szechuen Road. Tel. No. 16247 (4 Lines). 26-12

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MONDAY, December 25.			
Wenchow	x	14.30	15.00
Aust. N.Z. and Indo-China		19.00	20.00
Hongkong and Canton		19.30	20.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao		19.30	20.00
TUESDAY, December 26.			
Tsingtao and Dairen		*20.00	7.15
U.S.S.R. and Europe via Siberia		*20.00	8.00
Tsingtao Weihaiwei Chefoo Tientsin		*20.00	8.00
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Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao		19.30	20.00
WEDNESDAY, December 27.			
Japan and Korea via Nagasaki		*20.00	7.15
Formosa via Keelung	x	*20.00	7.30
Hongkong and Haiphong		8.30	9.00
Keelung Aust. N.Z. S.S. India Sues and Europe via Suez	CX	14.00	16.00
Hongkong and Canton	x	15.30	16.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao		19.30	20.00

* The night before.
A Parcel mail for Straits, Gt. Britain and other countries, closes at 12.00 on 26th.
B Parcel mail for Indo-China, closes at 16.00 on 26th.
C Parcel mail for France and other countries, closes at 12.00 on 27th.
X Provisional time—subject to alterations.
Z Parcel mail only.
Next parcel mail for U.S.A. closes on December 30.

Air Mails

Imperial Airways Service per steamer on December 28, at 10 a.m. for registered and at 11 a.m. for ordinary due London on January 10.
Pan American Airways Service per steamer on Dec. 29, at 3 p.m. for registered and at 4 p.m. for ordinary due San Francisco on January 9.
Air France per steamer on December 29, at 3 p.m. for registered and at 4 p.m. for ordinary.
Neth. (K.L.M.) Air Mail Service (Batavia-Naples) per steamer to Hongkong.
Royal Netherlands Indies' Airways K.N.I.L.M. (Saigon-Batavia-Sydney) per steamer to Hongkong.
Shanghai-Japan Air Mail Service: daily at 8 p.m.

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Via N.S.R. 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Kiangpei offices north and west of Jukao 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Hangchow 11.30 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
North Pinghan and Lunghai (Chenghsien and east thereof) 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Wuhu, Hwaining, Kiukiang and Hankow 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
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Ocean Mails for Europe and America.

Next steamer mails will be closed as follows:—
Per steamer via Suez, Dec. 27, due L'don Jan. 31.
Per steamer via Suez, Dec. 29, due L'don Jan. 31.
Per steamer Pacific, Dec. 31, due London Jan. 31.

Weather, Time and Tide

SICCAWEI

Sunday, December 24, 1939 (11th day of 11th moon)	Dec. 22 16.00	Dec. 22 21.00	Dec. 23 4.00	Dec. 23 9.00
Barometer inches	30.38	30.43	30.44	30.50
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	+0.07	+0.09	+0.09	+0.11
at 32 F. (" " 12 hrs.)	+0.03	+0.04	+0.06	+0.07
Wind (direction)	WNW	NNW	NW	WNW
" (miles per hour)	9.9	9.9	7.4	11.8
Temperature (Fahr.)	47.3°	45.0°	35.2°	39.0°
Humidity %	94	83	90	84
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	10	10	5	1
Rainfall inches				

Siccawei Abridged Report December 22	Mean 1939	24 hrs. variation	66 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.38	+0.01	30.33
Temp. Min. 40.°5 Max. 53.°8	47.1	—5.6	39.°9
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	47.08	—	44.32

Time and Tide	24/12	25/12	26/12	27/12	28/12
Sun rises at Shanghai	6.49	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.51
Sun sets at Shanghai	16.56	16.57	16.57	16.58	16.58
Moon rises at Shanghai	15.12	16.04	17.02	18.04	19.08
Moon sets at Shanghai	4.15	5.13	6.11	7.06	7.56
Flood makes Sbal. 6 to 18	8.40	9.22	10.01	10.35	11.16
Ebb makes Sbal. 0 to 12	14.22	14.53	15.30	16.14	17.02
H.W. Wsung Bar 6 to 18	10.45	11.35	12.15	12.50	13.15
Ht. above L.L.W. (feet)	8.60	—	7.32	7.35	7.95

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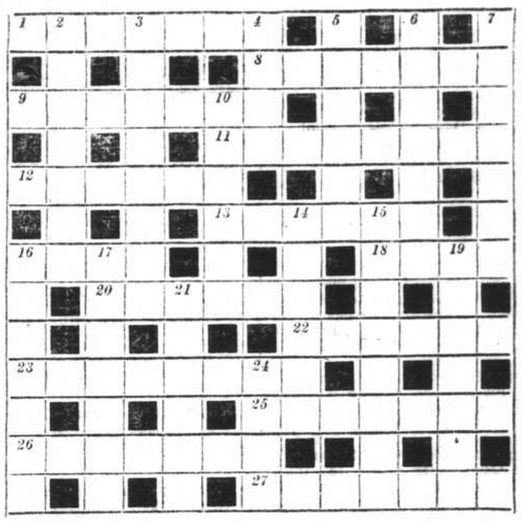

ACROSS

1 Shorten the way from bank to bank
8 Heir apparent in the old French monarchy
9 Being inflamed, sort of went ahead
11 When it's in operation people are liable to be strung up (two words)
12 A fistic epithet, perhaps
13 This calls for repetition
16 Only a vegetable, but you're "broke" without one
18 Border
20 It may give you a brazen look or stony stare
22 Develop from a firearm
23 Backed by hikers, shall we say?
25 They're proverbially close
26 Nowt
27 You will not see this in the West

DOWN

2 This body of troops has its kit at heart
3 Unemployment pay crops up among the lazy
4 Like the music ("water music," perhaps), it goes round and round
5 Papal ambassador
6 25 Across are, for example
7 "New side" (anag.)
10 The others must all be younger
14 Having lip, maybe, though another part of the face is indicated
15 News-hawk
16 Finance which puts a ban on royalty
17 Sounds like a poor sort of hut in Africa
19 Rules
21 It comes from the wassail bowl
24 Mechanical dentures?

The solution will be published tomorrow

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Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	From	Consignees
Ehime M.	Tsingtao	Y.K.K.
Needwood	Tientsin	T.K.K.
Kasyu M.	Japan	M.B.K.
Corona	C'wangtao	K.M.A.
Hakka M.	Dairen	D.K.K.
H. Kiangnan	T'senkong	Foo Hwa
Romolo	Liuho Point	V. Chieri
Anwoo	Hsinkong	Dah Hsing
Bonho	Hsinkong	Dong Shing
Sandro Sandri	T'lungkong	Chu Foong
Haikong	Hsinkong	G.M.C.
Nagasaki M.	Japan	T.K.K.
Chekiang M.	Tsungming	T.K.K.
Luise	Hsinkong	G.M.C.
Hungyun	N'hungkong	Chu Foong
Lipari	T'lungkong	Dong Shing
Hwaping	T'lungkong	Hwa Chung

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
D. de Lagree	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
Fran. Garnier	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
Luzon	Am.	Gbt.	U.S.N.B.
Marblehead	Am.	Cr.	B.N.B.
Oahu	Am.	Gbt.	U.S.N.B.
Piegon 6	Am.	Gbt.	Y.P.D.W.
E. Carlotto	Itl.	Gbt.	J.N.B.
Lepanto	Itl.	Gbt.	J.N.B.

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Tamahime M.	Jap.	D.K.K.K.
Chekiang M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Romolo	Ital.	V. Chieri
Chingning M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Hwamin	Chi.	Win Fo
Meinan	Am.	S.V.O.C.
Dairen M.	Jap.	D.K.K.
Heini	Ger.	Ship. Agency
Suitai	Fr.	Chu Foong
Masaki M.	Jap.	K.U.K.
H. Kiangnan	Ger.	Foo Hwa
Tembien	Ital.	C.I.N.

News Talk to Be Given This Morning

New York, Dec. 23.

The president of the United Press, Mr. Hugh Baillie, will speak on the world news outlook for 1940 tonight over a nationwide broadcast which will be rebroadcast by short wave to the Far East from Treasure Island.

Mr. Baillie will speak at 9 p.m., E.S.T. (10 a.m. Sunday, Shanghai Time.)—United Press.

By Bus to Hongkew for A Party

Shanghai Junior Golf Club Entertain Their Juniors

Not the least part of the pleasure of the Christmas party given by the Shanghai Junior Golf Club to the children of its members was the adventurous journey by special buses to the vicinity of Hongkew Park where the Club's headquarters are situated.

Two busloads of between 60 and 70 excited children travelled from St. George's via way ports to Hongkew Park, returning after the party in the same delightful manner. Awaiting them were all the good things of the season—a wonderful tea, a Christmas Tree laden with all the fruits that a good Christmas Tree ought to bear, and a full-fledged cinema performance. The verdict, heartily endorsed by all the guests, was that "A good time was had by all!"

Middle-aged Chinese Woman Murdered

Discovered Shot Through Head in Apartment

Another woman fell victim to an assassin in Shanghai on Friday morning when a middle-aged former Chinese Red Cross worker was discovered shot dead in her apartment in Rue Brenier de Montmorand in the French Concession. She was identified as Miss Ou Moh-lei and was apparently aged about 50.

The discovery was made shortly before 11 o'clock, Miss Ou having sustained a wound in the head where a bullet from a pistol had embedded itself. A search of the room revealed nothing to throw any light on the crime, the only correspondence discovered being of a private nature. Much of this bore the sign of the Red Cross.

A ballistic expert, who examined the bullet which killed Miss Ou, established the fact that the pistol from which the shot was fired was not known to the French police. As far as could be ascertained by police investigations the crime was perpetrated out of motives of revenge or other personal grievances. Miss Ou had been in poor health for some time.

OBITUARY

Mr. C. W. E. Fogg

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 19.

Mr. Charles William Eric Fogg, Music Director of the Empire Service of the British Broadcasting Corporation, died here today at the age of only 36 years, following an accident when he fell from the platform at Waterloo Underground station.

After receiving his musical education from Sir Granville Bantock, Chorister at Manchester Cathedral, from 1913 until 1917, he worked as organist at St. John's Church, Deansgate, Manchester, 1917-19.

In 1924, Mr. Fogg joined the B.B.C. as accompanist and later became an assistant to the North Regional Music Director.

Mr. Fogg had published choral works, many songs and pianoforte and chamber works. He is best known as the composer of a Bassoon Concerto in D.

Mr. George Eumorfopoulos

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 19.

Mr. George Eumorfopoulos, famous connoisseur of Chinese art, died here today at the age of 76 years.

He had been vice-president of Ralli Brothers, Ltd., and was a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries.—Reuter.

Rear-Admiral R. Nicholson

Washington, Dec. 21.

Preparations were being made here today for the burial of Rear-Admiral Reginald Nicholson, former Commander in Chief of the U. S. Asiatic Fleet, who died here Tuesday as a result of a heart attack.

Admiral Nicholson, a veteran of three major wars, will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery. He was the last Civil War veteran on the Navy's retired list. He served as navigation officer with the rank of Lieut.-Commander aboard the U.S.S. Oregon in the Spanish-American war.

Admiral Nicholson headed the U.S. Asiatic Fleet between 1912 and 1914. This was his last sea command.—United Press.

FUNERAL

Mrs. Bertha Jane Hyde Israel

Funeral services were held on Friday afternoon at the Bubbling Well Cemetery for the late Mrs. Bertha Jane Hyde Israel, widow of the late Albert J. Israel and sister of Mr. Thurman R. Hyde, with Dean Trivett officiating. Mrs. Israel died at the Country Hospital last Wednesday evening following a severe heart attack, at the age of 55 years. A beautiful spray of red carnations from "Brother" and "Mama" was lowered into the grave with silver metallic coffin that was borne by Messrs. F. Yenelevitch, Robert Fockler, George Pond, James Shelton, Haig Assadourian and Capt. Tornroth. Those sending floral tributes were:

Brother; Mama; Tootsie and Mother Jess; General Frederick Townsend Ward Post No. 1, The American Legion, Shanghai; Hai-Alai Players of Shanghai; Robert Fockler and the Del Monte Orchestra; The Girls: Meaks and Charlie; Cruz and Sides; Monk-Sam; Mr. and Mrs. Haig Assadourian; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Assadourian; Mr. Carroll Alcott; Madame Clara; A. J. Fong and family; Mr. W. G. Crokam; Dr. Daniel Joseph Collins; Mr. J. Davidson; Donaldson; Mr. Cornell S. Franklin; Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Gray; Jack Hourihan; Mr. and Mrs. W. Hallet; Kitty Harrison; Harry Kerrey; Lily Koo; Mr. and Mrs. Teodoro Jauregui; Dr. and Mrs. William E. O'Hara; Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Sung and family; Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Scott; Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Sharp; Capt. and Mrs. W. Tornroth; Mr. and Mrs. Pee Wee; Monk Williams and family; Miss Frances Woo; Frank Yenalevicz; The New Ritz Bar Boys; and many others.

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EXPERIENCED salesman required for office equipment: typewriters, steel furniture, etc. State experience and qualification to Box 5506, NCDN. -10419

CHINESE salesman wanted with good connections to best Chinese private circles; commission and expenses paid. Address Box 5359, NCDN. -10101

WANTED, an office assistant, must be known locally and be able to do canvassing in the printing line. Britisher preferred. Good prospects. Salary and commission. Address Box 5467, NCDN. 13096

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YOUNG Russian lady, financially independent, wishes meet gentleman British/American up to 45 years. View friendship. Box 5479 NCDN. -10373

ATTRACTIVE brunette, 20, new-comer, desires partner, Danish, American, British, 25-35 to spend New Year's Eve in night-club or restaurant. Box 5503, NCDN. -10413

TWO independent foreigners, aged 30-40, desire acquaintance of foreign-educated Chinese or Eastern ladies, view matrimony. Replies will be treated confidentially. Box 5508, NCDN. -10421

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FIVE-roomed apartment to let, including heating, with modern conveniences, low rent. Apply Telephone 31903. -10155

Lost

LOST Polish Passport No. 140 in the name of Icchok Szpiro, issued by Starostwo Bialostockie at Bialystok (Poland). Passport is hereby declared null and void. -10441

LOST. The public is hereby notified that my Customs Certificate of Authority which was stolen at my home on December 20, 1939, is hereby declared null and void. Bunshiro Taketomi, Acting Asst. Examiner B, (4th Class Tidewaiter). -10339

LOST, B/L No. 23 ex steamer Mingsang from Hongkong, December 17, covering two packages dried flower, marked Y in diamond, is declared null and void. King Yu Kung. -10329

LOST Customs Exemption Certificates No. AE56517 issued May 1937 for -LG- 71617/24 8 cases electricity meters ex s.s. Corfu, No. AE56734 issued May 1937 for -LG- 71289/292, 71299/300, 71301/302 8 cases electricity meters ex s.s. Hakusan Maru, No. AE56733 issued May 1937 for -LG- 71285/288, 71293/295, 71296/298 10 cases electricity meters ex s.s. Hakusan Maru. The above E.C. were lost in October 1937 between Shanghai/Chinkiang/Hankow. Siber Hegner & Co. Ltd. 13099

LOST, D/O. for B/L. No. 169 ex ss. Taiyo Maru from Kobe, covering 30 cases Tartar Emetic marked K S in triangle, H. Y. above, No. 1/30, Shanghai, is declared null and void. Higuchi & Co. -10058

Offices, Shops, Godowns

TO LET, half-shop with separate entrance, large window, in good vicinity French Concession, $75 monthly. Apply Box 5494, NCDN. -10399

WANTED office, part or whole. Bubbling Well/central district, immediately or on January 15. Box 5512, NCDN. -10426

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LARGEST godown in Hongkew accepts all sorts of cargo and furniture for storage. Cheap rate. Star Transportation Company, 83 Waysiue Road, Telephone 51882. -9764

WANTED, small office with separate entrance, Settlement. Address Box 5416, NCDN. -10181

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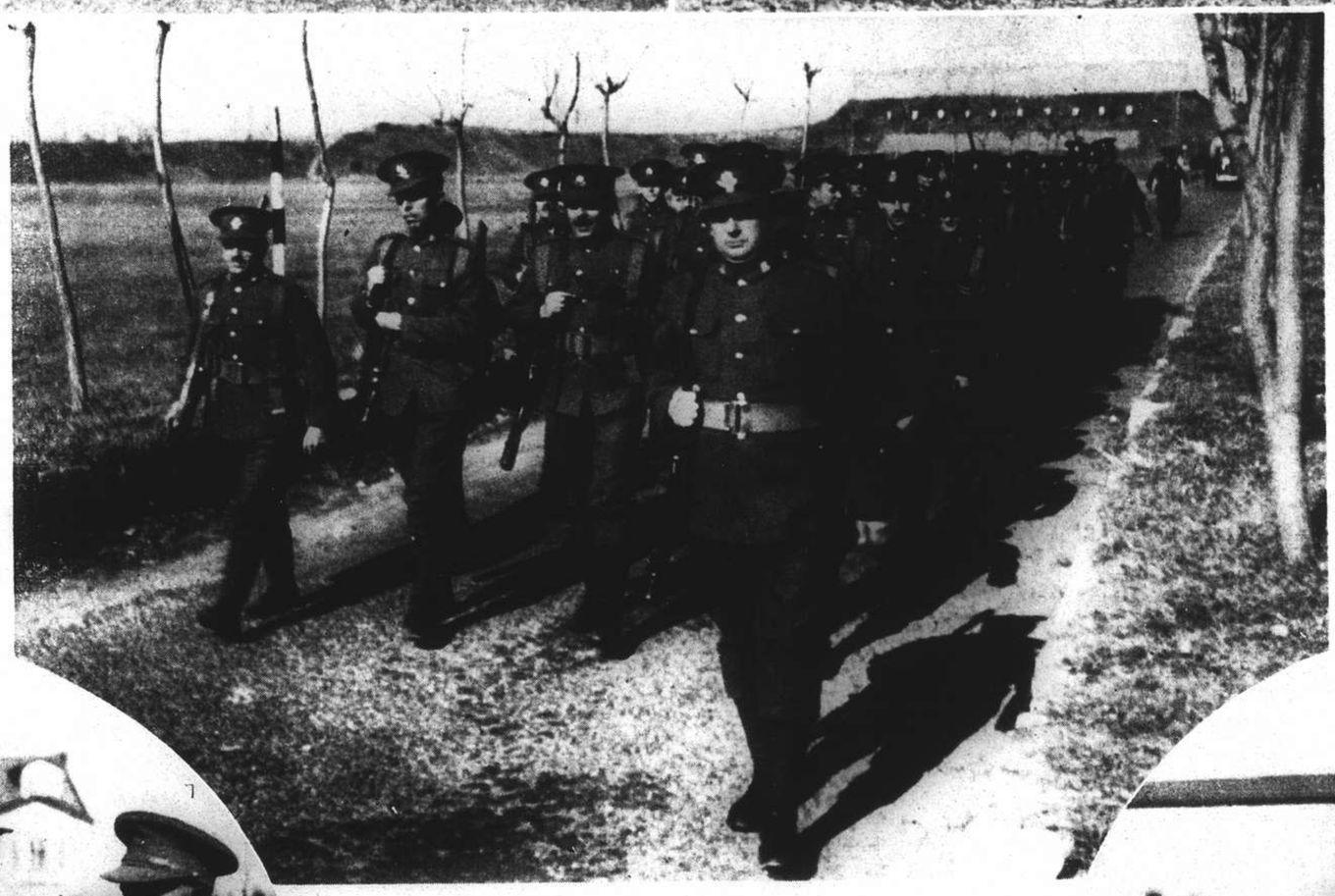
Animals

LOST, male Spitz dog, vicinity Avenue Petain/Rue Cohen, name Sanka. Founder please telephone 78257. -10422

BUYING a pup. Safeguard yourself and buy only China Kennel Club registered dogs. Insist on this. 12716

STRAYED from the back entrance of the Institute for the Blind, 290 Hungjao Road, a pointer dog, 15 months old, black with a white breast answers to the name of "Prince." S.M.C. Licence 1195 and inoculation badge on collar. Last se



"A" Company Goes to Camp

The Shanghai Volunteer Corps Units had their annual camp at the Rifle Range last week-end. Prominent among them was the Mih-Ho-Loong Hook and Ladder Company ("A" Company to you) which in a few months will be celebrating its 70th year as a defender of Shanghai's liberties. It was enrolled as a military body on July 6, 1870, but actually its connection with the Shanghai Volunteer Corps goes back much further, as the Mih-Ho-Loong Cup, a trophy which has been in the Company's possession since 1864, and which was shot for last week-end, testifies. The pictures above show "A" Company at the Rifle Range on Saturday and Sunday when, taking advantage of excellent weather, full use of the Range was made on both days.

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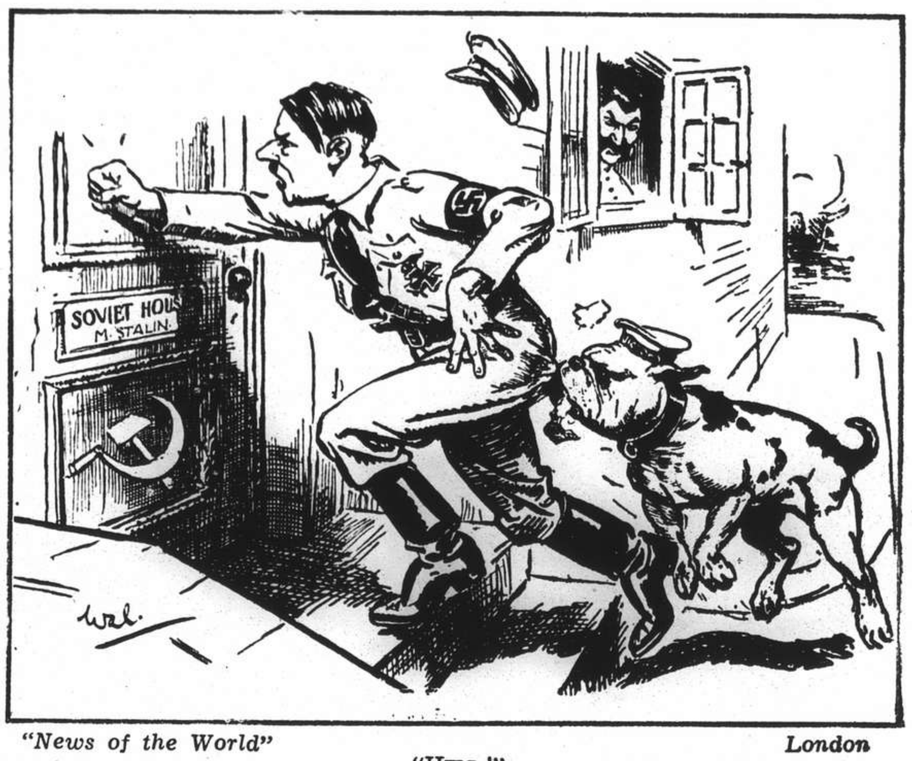


"News of the World" *London*

"HELP !"

"Daily Herald" *London*

HITLER: "We're not together, are we?"

"New York Times" *London*

THE OLD SHELL GAME.

"Daily Herald" *London*

WHAT A WAR !

"It is goot, it is goot, again we sink the Ark Royal, the Hood, the Repulse and the Rodney."

"Ach, Siegfried, the swinedog British must have three of each."

"Marianne" *Paris*

"I have given them peace. Eternal peace !"

"Hongkong Daily Press"

"What's on—variety?"

"No—German broadcast in English !"

"L'Oeuvre" *Paris*

SCOTLAND'S DAILY RAID

"Tut, tut ! Today's raid is three minutes late."

"Paris-Soir" *Paris*

GOERING: "Is this a map of the front line?"

GOEBBELS: "No, it's the old man's temperature chart."

Some Events and Portraits

Pictures taken at Lady Clark Kerr's war work party—a group of Shanghai ladies who devote much of their time to making bandages, knitting socks and other comforts for the British forces. *(Above)* Mrs. J. Liddell, Mrs. James Barton, Mrs. W. McBain and Mrs. Calcina occupied in the task of rolling bandages, a process which calls for a good deal of skill. *(Right)* Mrs. Liddell stands up to get a good grip. Also in the picture are Mrs. Sun and Mrs. C. T. Crowe.—*N.C.D.N.*

At Lady Clark Kerr's war work party: hard at work are Lady Clark Kerr, Mrs. Hugh Barton, Mrs. Selby-Walker, Mrs. McBain, Mrs. C. Cook.—*N.C.D.N.*

Mr. A. Bogh-Andersen, Vice-Consul for Denmark, and Miss Karenlise Jessen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Jessen of Copenhagen, were married at Holy Trinity Cathedral on Wednesday. *(Left to right)* Mr. A. Juhl (usher), Mr. V. F. Meisling, the bridegroom and bride, Mr. C. A. Wagner (usher), Mrs. C. J. Knipschildt.—*N.C.D.N.*

At the wedding of the Vice-Consul for Denmark and Miss Karenlise Jessen: *(left to right)* Mr. Bogh-Andersen (bridegroom), Mr. and Mrs. G. Halberg, the Bride.—*N.C.D.N.*

At the wedding of the Vice-Consul for Denmark and Miss Karenlise Jessen: *(left to right)* Mr. K. E. A. Kronvall (Swedish Charge d'Affaires), Mr. Poul Scheel (Danish Charge d'Affaires and host at the reception), Mr. H. Tanner (Finnish Charge d'Affaires), Mr. T. Y. Lo (former Chinese Minister to Denmark).—*N.C.D.N.*

At the wedding of the Vice-Consul for Denmark and Miss Karenlise Jessen: *(centre, left to right)* Mr. H. S. Poulsen (best man), Mrs. C. S. Andersen, Mr. Poul Scheel (Danish Charge d'Affaires and the host).—*N.C.D.N.*

Major V. E. Duclos, newly-appointed Canadian Government Trade Commissioner for Central and North China.—*Skvirsky.*

At the wedding of Captain D. S. McDougal, U.S.M.C., and Miss Doreen Parkhill, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. S. Parkhill, which took place at Holy Trinity Cathedral on December 15: *(left-hand picture)* the bride's mother, with Mrs. Bowler and Mrs. E. Davies; *(right-hand picture)* the bridesmaids were the Misses Daphne Rogers, Dorothy Boissevain, Jacquelyn Ball and Wilhelmina Kleijn, the best man being Lieutenant James S. Blais.—*N.C.D.N.*

Mr. G. R. Cheape and Miss June Richards have announced their engagement.—*Skvirsky.*

The Shanghai Rowing Club held a Ragamuffin dance at the American Women's Club on December 20.—*World News.*

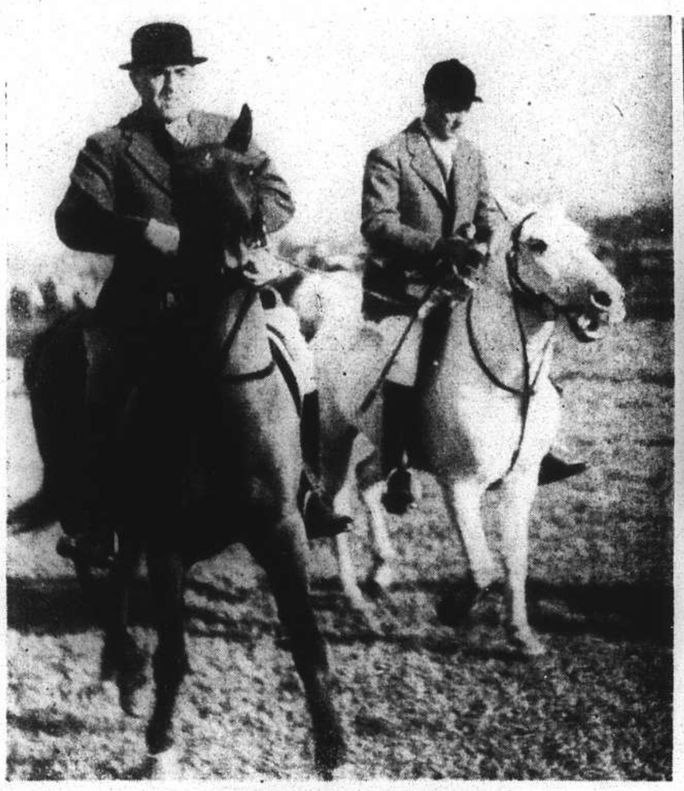
The "Rigour of the Game"

N.C.D.N. Photographs

The Shanghai Yacht Club's prize presentation and cocktail party was held on December 15 at the Masonic Hall, when the cups won during the 1939 sailing season were presented: *(above)* Dr. J. H. Blakelock handing the "Fair Cup" to Mr. J. Hart (owner of Engomar). In the picture are Vice-Admiral R. V. Holt and Mr. H. M. Mann (Commodore of the Club).

Shanghai Yacht Club's prize presentation and cocktail party: *(left to right)* Mrs. H. W. Carter, Mr. W. Hamilton (hon. secretary of the Club), Mr. H. W. Carter and Mr. W. D. M. Neil.

Shanghai Yacht Club's prize presentation and cocktail party: four sailing ladies were Mrs. R. L. Evans, Mrs. W. D. Pearson, Mrs. J. H. Blakelock and Mrs. H. M. Mann.



LADIES' DAY AGAIN!

The third paper hunt of the season resulted in two more additions to the "pink" coat brigade. Miss "Buzz" Andrews, on Slippus rode to win in good style, while Mr. L. Scheyven was the second New Pink, being lucky to win it in his first hunting season. The picture above shows Messrs. Chester Fritz and N. F. Allman.

Shanghai Yacht Club's prize presentation and cocktail party: Sir Victor Sassoon and Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Terrell.

"Have Beens" *v.* "Once Weres" Rugger match: Count the "Once Weres" on the ground. The "Have Beens" seem to have been able to stand up to things better. *(Lower picture)* At one time the "Once Weres" had seventeen players in their ranks against the "Have Beens" fourteen. However these were mere trifles in a good game.

Third Paper Hunt: Miss "Buzz" Andrews, winner of the Hunt, poses with her mother, Mrs. E. Andrews, for the "North-China Daily News" cameraman after the Hunt.

OLD CROCKS PLAY RUGGER

A huge crowd thoroughly enjoyed the efforts last Saturday of the "Have Beens" and the "Once Weres" to play rugger with all the zest and vigour that (during the earlier phases at least) would not have shamed many a local fifteen of playing age. *(Above)* Brutus the Bull took a hand and successfully held the ball against the Rugger Club Boy until his master called him off.

Third Paper Hunt: Miss "Buzz" Andrews rode a very well-timed finish, just beating Mr. Alec White on White Major, the combination that won the Grand National Steeplechase this autumn.

Third Paper Hunt: Mr. J. S. Clark clearing a jump. The hunt was laid over a course of nearly eleven miles which included lots of good galloping and plenty of jumping taken with good heart.

Leading Up to Christmas

Public Health Department's Children's Party: Mr. and Mrs. H. Taylor were escorted by Frank Richard, their stalwart son.—*N.C.D.N.*

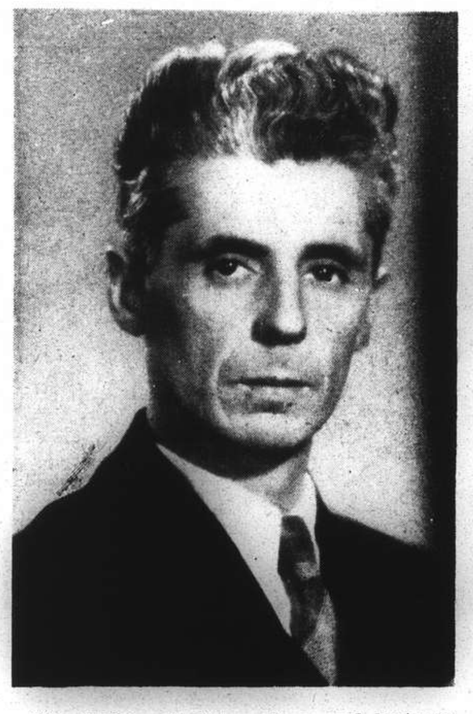
Tuesday was a happy day for children of members of the staff of the S. M. C. Public Health Department Circle, for they were entertained by Father Christmas and others at a jolly party which was held in the S. V. C. Drill Hall. Let's whisper it—Mr. E. R. Robbins had been asked by Father Christmas to deputize for him. He came all the way from Canada to do it, and is staying with his son, Mr. E. D. Robbins of the P.H.D.—*N.C.D.N.*

Public Health Department's children's party: Mrs. E. F. Duck, Mrs. J. H. Blakelock and Katherine.—*N.C.D.N.*

Public Health Department's children's party: Mr. J. Weaver and John David got very close to the Christmas Tree.—*N.C.D.N.*

KNATTY KNITTERS' KLUB BAZAAR

The Knatty Knitters' Klub had a bazaar on December 16 in aid of British war work funds and local charities. It was a great success. The "Home Eats" stall, in charge of Miss Beryl Smith and Miss Ivy Stead, was a lucious affair. *(Lower picture)* Lady Clark Kerr, wife of the British Ambassador, opened the Bazaar. She is seen with Mrs. J. Gordon Shotter (chairman of the Klub) examining the linen stall which was in charge of Miss Bessie Stead. For the benefit of the uninitiated, the Knatty Knitters' Klub is composed of a band of indefatigable ladies who have been hard at work knitting comforts for the British Forces since the outbreak of war. Their Bazaar realized the splendid sum of $3,946.—*N.C.D.N.*



Mr. Andrea Saetti, author and lecturer, with *(below)* his wife and two children, John Allen and Marisa Houston. These children are the great-grandchildren of the late Dr. and Mrs. Young John Allen and the fourth generation to live in China.—*Josepho.*

Knatty Knitters' Klub Bazaar: Milady's Stall, at which the sellers were *(left to right)* Miss Nellie Stead, Mrs. Betty Sim and Miss Joy Lavington, was a daintily decked-out affair.—*N.C.D.N.*

Knatty Knitters' Klub Bazaar: Father Christmas was there, but it is rather thought that if you had taken his beard away you would have found that it was Mr. Norman Hart-Baker. We've got to forgive Father C.—he can't be everywhere at once these days.—*N.C.D.N.*

The wedding of Mr. Bao Kuo-chong, manager of the Sine Laboratory Works, and Miss Yang Yue-ching took place recently in the Moore Memorial Church.—*Salon.*

A tiny prayer book printed in Hebrew. The picture shows it magnified to four times its real size, which is 3.1 centimetres wide and 2.1 centimetres thick. The two pins which support it will give some idea of its measurements. In spite of its minuteness it contains over 3,500 words and the print is black and good. It is bound in red morocco with gold lettering and it is a resident of Shanghai.

One Thing and Another

French Police awarded medals at parade: the scene on the Rue Lafayette ground, showing the arrival of the French Consul-General, M. M. Baudez.—*N.C.D.N.*

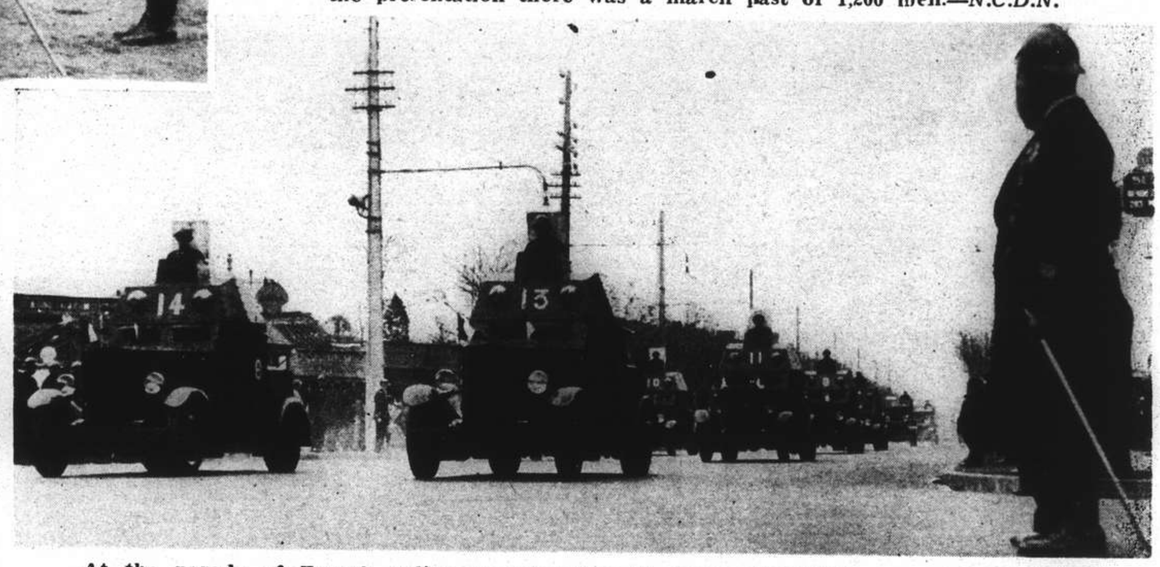
The French Consul-General (M. M. Baudez) at the corner of Avenue Petain and Route Cohen, watching the march past of 1,200 French police.—*N.C.D.N.*

The Light Automatic Coy (A.D.), S.V.C., held a smoker at the Cockpit on December 15, when a presentation was made to Lieutenant V. S. Gulston, commanding the Company. *(Left to right)* Messrs. K. E. Newman, H. Cohen.. Lieut. V. S. Gulston *(standing)*, Mr. H. E. Howe.—*World News.*

Mr. B. V. Korobeinikoff and Miss N. I. Smalko have announced their engagement.—*Josepho.*

FRENCH POLICE AWARDED MEDALS

Sixteen Tonkincse members of the French Police were decorated by M.M. Baudez French Consul-General, at a parade at the Rue Lafayette grounds on December 15. Five members of the Force were awarded the Indo-Chinese Medal, one was awarded the silver Municipal medal, and ten others were recipients of the bronze Municipal medal. Previous to the presentation the assembled members of the French Police were inspected by the Consul-General and Commandant L. Fabre. Following the presentation there was a march past of 1,200 men.—*N.C.D.N.*



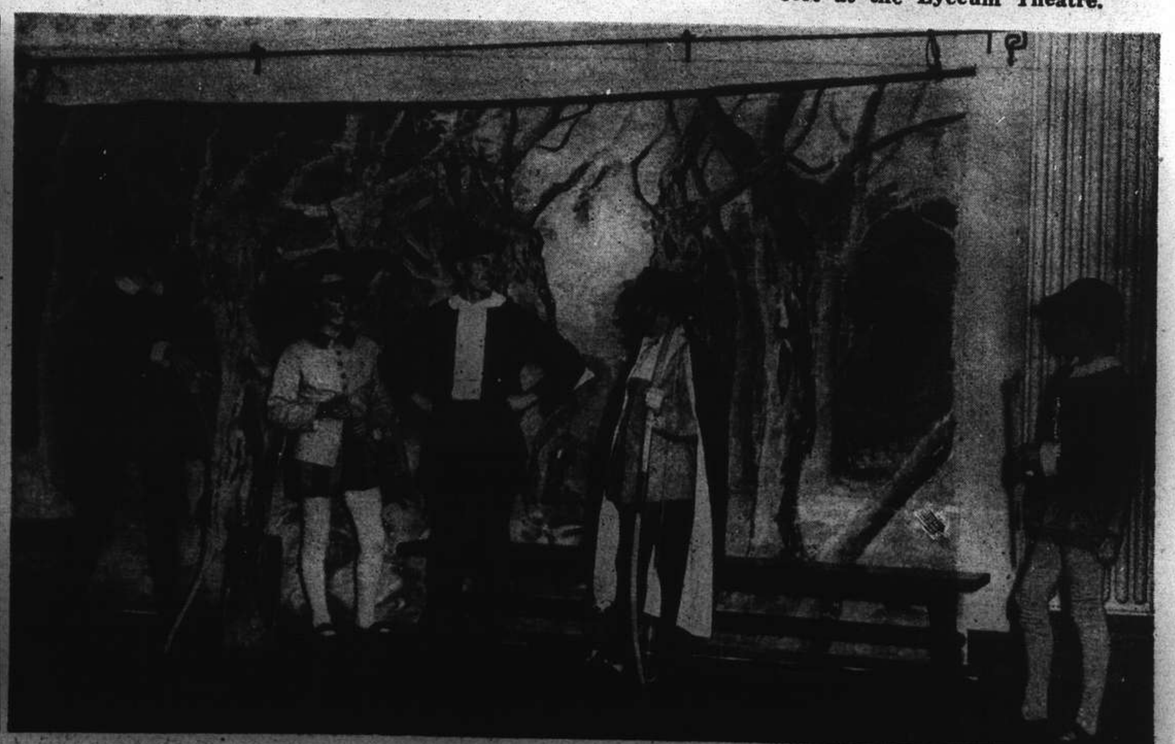
At the parade of French police on December 15, when decorations were awarded to sixteen Tonkinese members of the Force: tanks in parade on Avenue Petain.—*N.C.D.N.*

Tomorrow (Christmas Day) the wedding will take place of Mr. Chu Wen-chang, son of the Commissioner of Education for Hunan, and Miss Shao Liu-ching, daughter of Mr. Shao Meng-yu, Salt Revenue Collector and Area Commander R. G., Chaopu, Fukien.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Caplan (Mrs. Caplan was the former Miss Nina Ushakova) are a recent bridegroom and bride.—*Cine-Photo by Seyel.*

Miss Joan Ridley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ridley, celebrated her fourth birthday on December 14 by entertaining friends. Joan is seated on the sofa, second from right.—*World News.*

Mrs. Bella Resek, will sing today at the Municipal Orchestra's concert at the Lyceum Theatre.

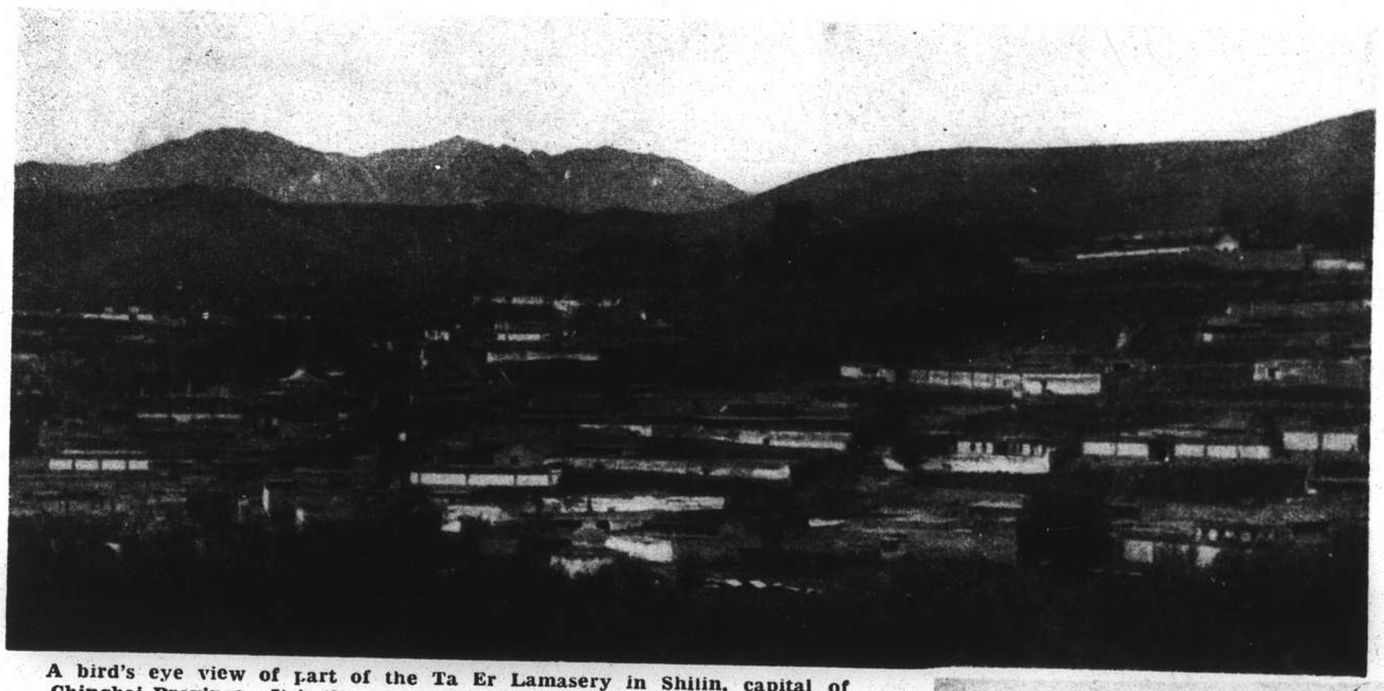


SHAKESPEAREAN EPISODE PERFORMED BY BOYS OF THE CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

Yesterday afternoon was the annual Speech Day of the Cathedral School for Boys. The event took place in the Masonic Hall, 1623 Avenue Road, and to entertain the assembled guests the forest scene from "As You Like It" was staged. It was excellently performed and gave great pleasure to the audience.—*N.C.D.N.*

A Famous Lamasery

The Ta Er Lamasery, which is situated about ten miles from Shilin, capital of Chinghai Province, is the birthplace of Tsungkarbar of Tibet, founder of "Yellow" Lamaism, whose death many years ago enabled the Dalai Lama and the Pan-chen Lama, his disciples, to come into power. Surrounded by several hundreds of buildings and a 3,000-roomed dormitory for lamas, the Grand Golden Hall of the lamasery is richly decorated with gold and silver said to be more than enough to pay off the whole of China's Boxer Indemnity in its original amount. Lamas in China's border provinces hold five pil-grimages to Ta Er annually when fairs are held. The most spectacular of these fairs is the one held on June 7, when the image-drying ceremony is performed. The huge silk-em-broidered image of Buddha, of which a picture is given on this page, is allowed to see sunshine only once a year.



A bird's eye view of part of the Ta Er Lamasery in Shilin, capital of Chinghai Province. It is the centre of religious activities in China's border provinces, and possesses a dormitory of 3,000 rooms.

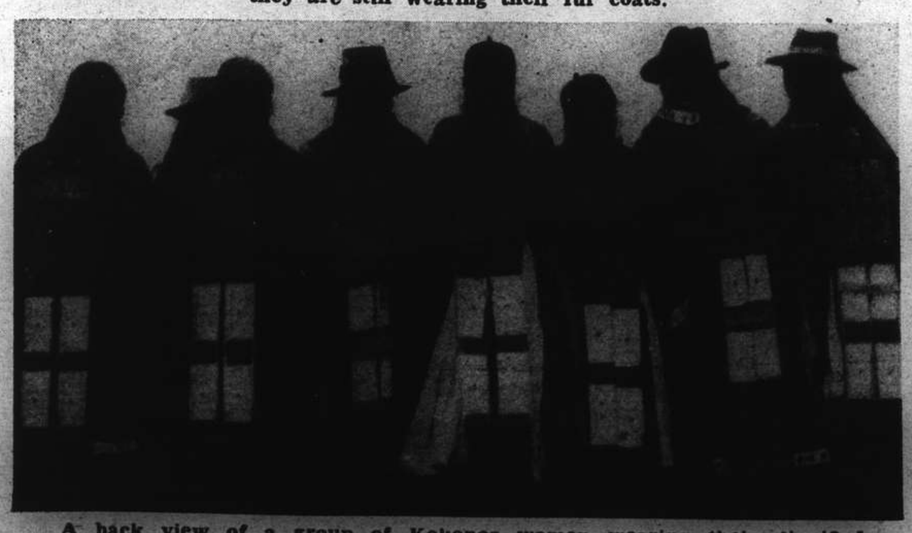
The chief lama presides over the meeting, surrounded by scores of religious dignitaries from the countryside. He leads the prayers before the image. In the picture he is seen kneeling on a specially constructed platform during the rites.

The huge silk-embroidered image of Buddha, measuring about 30 feet in length, is dried or "sun-birthed" once every year in a big ceremony at which the chief lama dignitary presides. Hundreds of pilgrims kneel before the image.

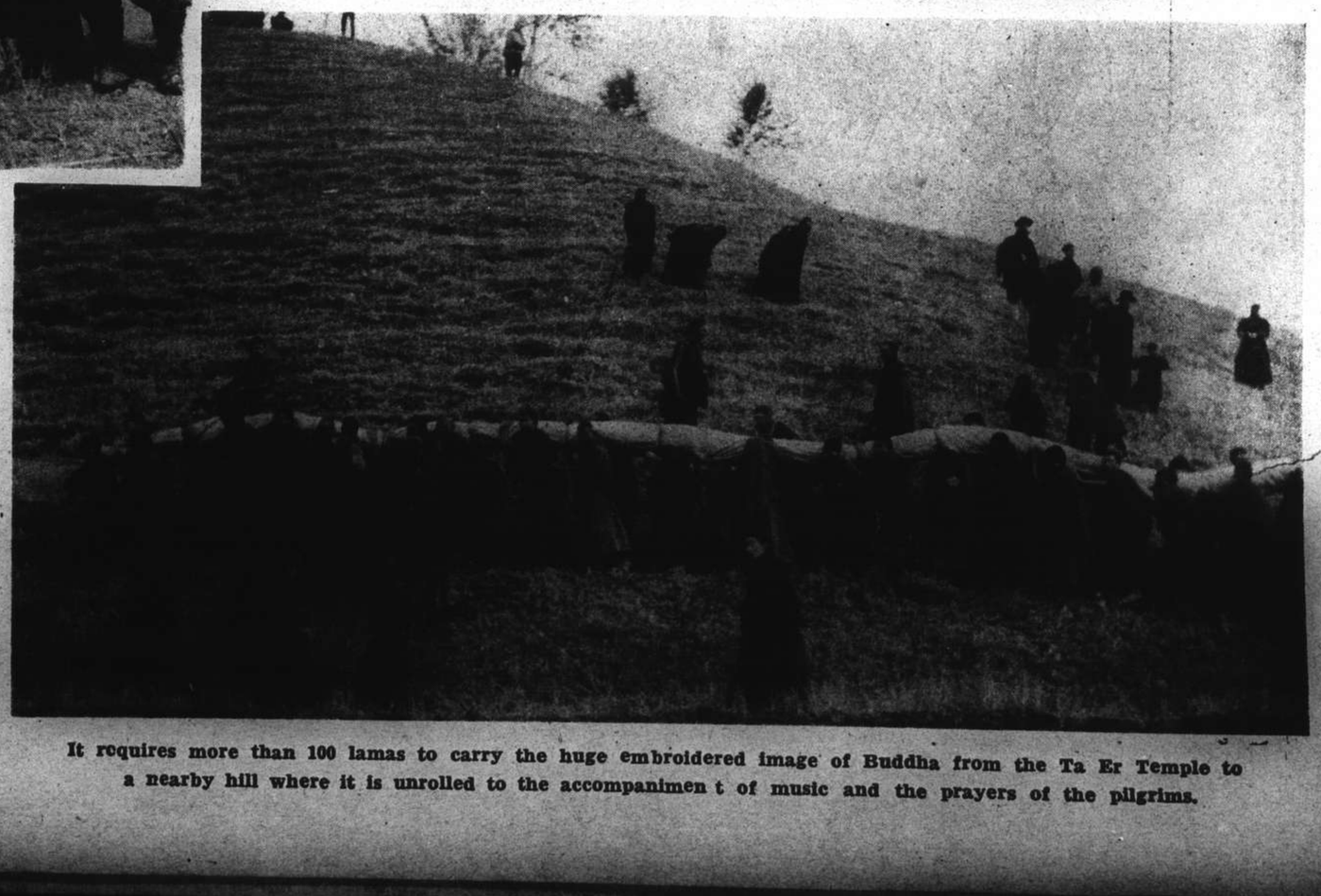
Tibetan women, richly dressed and decorated, form a large proportion of the pilgrims who participate in the five annual pilgrimages to Ta Er. Some of them are seen above, kneeling and praying as the chief lama approaches.

A long procession of lamas, with musicians as forerunners, escort the chief lama to the worship platform from which he presides over the meeting. These lama musicians play flutes, blow horns and beat drums as they lead the parade.

Here are a group of Tibetan women who have come to Ta Er Temple from their homes several hundred miles away to pay their homage at the temple. Although it was summer when the photograph was taken, they are still wearing their fur coats.



A back view of a group of Kokonor women wearing their dignified costumes, Hanging on their backs are the silk embroidered belts which are inlaid with gold and precious stones.



It requires more than 100 lamas to carry the huge embroidered image of Buddha from the Ta Er Temple to a nearby hill where it is unrolled to the accompanimen t of music and the prayers of the pilgrims.

Kisses

VIGNETTES OF LIFE

By KEMP STARRETT

"G-BYE, DEAR!"
"KISS GREAT GRAND-FATHER GOOD-NIGHT-THERE'S A GOOD GIRL!"
THE PRE-TRAIN KISS IS A LOT LIKE A HEN PECKING AT A KERNAL OF CORN....AND NOT NEARLY SO NOURISHING.
WHAT PUZZLES THE YOUNGSTER IS NOT ONLY WHY BUT ALSO WHERE.
LET MOTHER SUGGEST THAT JUNIOR GREET HIS VISITING COUSIN WITH A KISS AND SURE AS TAXES A RUG WILL REACH OUT AND THROW HIM AND THE WHOLE PRETTY BUSINESS FOR A TOTAL LOSS.
SINCERE...IF SOMEWHAT SLOPPY.
"WELL, AREN'T YOU GOING TO KISS ME GOOD-BYE?"
WHEN TWO WOMEN, WHO PRACTICALLY LOATHE ONE ANOTHER, MEET AND EACH OFFERS HER CHEEK TO BE KISSED THE RESULT IS VERY APT TO BE TWO BADLY DISARRANGED HATS AND TWO SADLY FRAYED SETS OF NERVES.
"WHADDA YOU BEEN UP TO?"
THE FIRST KISS IN TWO YEARS..... CONSCIENCE OR COMPUNCTION?
GREETING THE WIFE'S RICH AUNT AMELIA IS ALWAYS A PROBLEM. START TO KISS HER AND YOU GET A FROSTY STARE....DON'T AND SHE KISSES YOU. EITHER WAY YOU LOSE.

JARDINES

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A Class	HK $75	HK $80	HK $170	HK $52	HK $33	HK $68
B Class	HK $56	HK $60	HK $142	HK $33	HK $22	HK $47